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SHOWTIME® TAPS BARRY TOMPKINS AND STEVE FARHOOD

FOR INAUGURAL SHOWTIME EXTREME® LIVE BOXING TELECAST

Two-Fight Undercard Featuring Chris Arreola vs. Eric Molina

Begins at 8 p.m. ET Live On SHOWTIME EXTREME

Followed by SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING Doubleheader

Featuring Paul Williams and Tavoris Cloud Live On SHOWTIME at 10 p.m. ET

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Saturday, Feb. 18 from American Bank Center in Corpus Christi, Texas

NEW YORK (Feb. 10, 2012)—**SHOWTIME Sports®** has named award-winning sportscaster **Barry Tompkins**

and renowned boxing historian

Steve Farhood

to serve as the announce team for the inaugural presentation of live undercard boxing on

SHOWTIME EXTREME

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Saturday, Feb. 18

live at 8 p.m. ET/PT (delayed on the West Coast). The two-fight SHO EXTREME telecast immediately precedes the live

SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING

doubleheader

featuring

Paul Williams

vs.

Nobuhiro Ishida

and

Tavoris Cloud

vs.

Gabrielle Campillo

, live on

SHOWTIME

at 10 p.m. ET/PT (delayed on the West Coast).

A 12-round heavyweight bout between American contender **Chris Arreola** and **Eric Molina** will headline the SHOWTIME EXTREME telecast which also features

Malik Scott

vs.

Kendrick Releford

in an eight-round heavyweight bout.

SHOWTIME EXTREME, the premium network's sports and action focused multiplex channel, is available in more than 99 percent of SHOWTIME subscriber households nationwide.

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"We are proud to welcome Barry Tompkins to the family," said **Stephen Espinoza**, Executive Vice President and General Manager of SHOWTIME Sports. "He and Farhood bring a tremendous amount of broadcast and boxing experience to the booth. I am excited to expand our live coverage for the network's loyal boxing fans and for the fighters who will benefit from the additional exposure."

The versatile Tompkins' 40-plus years in broadcasting include calling college football and basketball as well as many legendary fights such as "**Sugar**" **Ray Leonard** vs. **Marvin Hagler**,

Mike Tyson

vs.

Trevor Berbick

and

Aaron Pryor

vs.

Alexis Arguello

. In 2006, he was inducted into the World Boxing Hall of Fame.

Since transitioning from a full-time journalist as editor-in-chief of "The Ring" and "KO" magazines, Farhood has provided the color commentary for every *ShoBox: The New Generation* telecast in the series' decade-long tenure. Still an active writer in the sport, he received the Nat Fleischer Award for "Excellence in Boxing Journalism" from the Boxing Writers Association of America in May 2011.

Tickets for the event are priced at \$25, \$35, \$50, \$75, \$100 and will available at the American Bank Center box office and on Ticketmaster.com starting Saturday, January 14 at 10 a.m. CT. VIP packages are also available by calling [\(817\) 296-4546](tel:817-296-4546)

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