

Randy Gordon To Pull Double Duty

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July 16, 2012 -- There isn't much Randy Gordon hasn't done during his life-long career in boxing. He's been in the ring and he's called the action from ringside. But this challenge takes it one step further.

Gordon - the former New York State Athletic Commissioner and Editor-in-Chief for Ring magazine, will act in the critically acclaimed Off Broadway play Kid Shamrock and then call a full schedule of fights for a delayed broadcast on www.boxing.com.

Bob Duffy's Ring Promotions and Winner Take All Productions are combining for an exclusive afternoon of boxing entertainment on August 11, 2012 at the Plattduetsche Park Restaurant in Franklin Square.

"We are very proud to have the Long Island premiere of Kid Shamrock kicking off our next boxing event," said Duffy. "Randy Gordon is one of the best known boxing personalities in New York. He brings tremendous energy to everything he does. To bring this play outdoors, coupled with the bouts we are going to have, it's going to be a fight fan's dream."

Gordon has called fights for ESPN, MSG and the USA Network. He will call the action at ringside with former IBA middleweight champ, John Duddy.

Headlining the boxing card is a pair of title fights. The first is a WIBA junior middleweight title bout between Brooklyn's Cindy Serrano and Little Rock's Kerri Hill. In the main event of the evening, Oceanside's lightweight sensation, Michael Brooks (7-0) will fight for the IBA Eastern lightweight belt.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime event," said former heavyweight champion Michael Bentt, director of Kid Shamrock. "I've seen some of these prospects fight and I am telling you the future looks bright for them. The cast is ready, the fighters are ready, don't miss this."

Kid Shamrock, based on the life and career of Long Island's Bobby Cassidy, has gained

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notoriety because of its authenticity. "The boxing scenes may well be the best-choreographed fight action ever seen on a New York stage, on or off-Broadway," wrote the Irish Times in a 2011 review. The reason is because half the cast is made up of former world-class professional boxers. Among them are Mark Breland (Olympic gold medalist, two-time welterweight champ), John Duddy (IBA middleweight champ), Seamus McDonagh (fought Evander Holyfield), Mark McPherson (world-ranked junior middleweight) and Junior Jones (five-time champ).

The cast also includes, Bobby Cassidy Sr. (Rocky), Vinny Vella (The Sopranos, Casino) and Patrick Connolly (The Sopranos). After the show, meet and greet all the actors and former fighters. This is the FIRST TIME that Kid Shamrock will be performed on LONG ISLAND.

The boxing card also includes some of the best young fighters in New York. Undefeated light welterweight Emmanuel Lartei "Bukom Joe" Lartei (12-01, 7 KOs) meets Constantin Florescu (11-2) in an 8-rounder. Former National amateur champion Adam Willet (3-1-1), of Bellport meets New Jersey cruiserweight Elvin "KoKo" Sanchez (4-2, 3 KOs), New Hyde Park welterweight Rich "Kid Brazil" Neves (4-0-1, 3 KOs) will fight in a six-rounder and Albanian sensation Skender Halili (5-0, 5 KOs) meets former Golden Gloves champ Jason Thompson in a junior middleweight bout.

"This event reminds me of the old Carnival of Champions," said David Schuster, Executive Producer of Kid Shamrock. "We have title fights, we have former champions performing on stage. There will be music, good food. It's as close to a boxing block party as you will ever get."

All fights and fighters are subject to change.

Praise for Kid Shamrock:

"Acting may be a second choice for these former fighters, but that doesn't mean they are any less passionate about their current endeavor," former New York Yankee World Series champion Fran Healy on the MSG Network.

"What makes the play so endearing is the authenticity of the performances," -- New York Daily

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