

Monaghan To Headline Broadway Boxing

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New York, NY (10/8/12) - On Wednesday, October 24, DiBella Entertainment returns to the Roseland Ballroom in NYC with the latest installment of the ever-popular Broadway Boxing series. Headlining the card will be Long Beach, New York's undefeated light heavyweight prospect Seanie Monaghan (15-0, 10KO's) defending his WBC Continental Americas light heavyweight title against Rayco "War" Saunders (22-17-2, 9KO's).

In the co-feature bout of the evening, Brooklyn's Gabriel "Tito" Bracero (19-1, 3KO's) squares off against hard-hitting Eric Cruz (13-10, 13KO's) in an eight-round junior welterweight matchup. The card is promoted by DiBella Entertainment and sponsored by Manfredi Auto Group, Newlio.com, and Everlast. SNY will broadcast the event tape-delayed.

Since turning pro in May 2010, Monaghan has become one of the most popular fighters in all of New York, with his army of fans continuing to grow each and every time he steps into the ring. The fight on October 24 will be Monaghan's fifth ring appearance in 2012, and his third straight headliner at Roseland Ballroom. Monaghan is coming off back-to-back TKO victories in his previous two fights and will be looking to make it three in a row when he squares off against the iron-chinned Saunders on October 24.

"I've been working really hard in the gym, sparring with a lot of top guys including Danny Jacobs and next week I am working with Tony Bellew," said Monaghan. "My opponent has over 40 fights and has gone the distance with guys like Isaac Chilemba and Edison Miranda, so I am really looking forward to the challenge. I'm ready to start really stepping it up and I plan on putting on a dominating performance come October 24."

Saunders has been in with a number of up-and-coming prospects and world-rated contenders. On September 29, Saunders dropped a unanimous decision to the IBF #5, WBC #6, WBA #13 and WBO #13 rated Chilemba. Saunders has only been stopped once in his career, dating all the way back to 2003.

The former NABF light welterweight champion and Puerto Rico-native Bracero is two fights removed from his lone blemish as a professional; a hard-fought unanimous decision loss to former world champion and now resurgent contender DeMarcus "Chop Chop" Corley. Prior to the bout against Corley, Bracero was steadily climbing up the ranks of the junior welterweight division, having gained national attention after twice fighting on ShoBox: The New Generation. In his last bout, Bracero won a dominant eight-round unanimous decision over Jermaine White. Similar to Monaghan, Bracero has a cult-like following of fans in the New York area. The bout on October 24 will be Bracero's third in 2012.

Tickets are currently on sale and can be purchased through Ticketmaster, or by calling the DiBella Entertainment office at (212) 947-2577. Tickets are priced at \$125, \$85, \$65 and \$45. There are also a limited amount of VIP tables available for purchase. VIP table's are priced at \$1500. There are 10 seats to each table and dinner is catered by Anthony Cantanzaro's Portobello's. Doors open at 6 p.m. ET with the first bout scheduled for 7 p.m. ET.

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New York/St. Charles, Mo. (October 8, 2012) - Allan Benitez has suffered an injury to his elbow in training that has forced him to pull out of his main event bout this Friday, October 12, on ShoBox: The New Generation against blue-chip prospect Jose "Sniper" Pedraza (10-0, 6KO's). Stepping into replace Benitez in the eight-round lightweight matchup is Philadelphia's Tevin Farmer (7-3-1, 1KO). The card is promoted by DiBella Entertainment and Rumble Time Promotions in association with Gary Shaw Productions and Universal Promotions and will take place at the Ameristar Casino in St. Charles, MO.

In the televised co-feature, undefeated up-and-coming prospects Jonathan Cepeda (12-0, 11KO's) and Lamar Russ (10-0, 6KO's) will square off in an eight-round middleweight bout. SHOWTIME® will begin live coverage at 10 p.m. ET/PT (delayed on the West Coast).

Also featured on the ShoBox telecast will be highlights of former undisputed middleweight champion Jermain "Bad Intentions" Taylor (30-4-1, 18KO's) in his bout versus Raul Munoz (21-15-1, 16KO's), a 10-round middleweight matchup taking place earlier in the evening.

A slick southpaw, Farmer comes from the rich boxing tradition of Philadelphia. Farmer had a short but successful amateur career, which saw him win the Mid Atlantic Tournament, the biggest amateur tournament in the Philadelphia area. Farmer has fought tough competition since turning pro. Farmer holds wins over devastating power puncher Tyrone Lucky (4-1-1, 4KO's) and Tim Witherspoon Jr. (6-1-1). Farmer dropped a hard-fought, close eight-round decision to Polish Amateur Champion, and now 10-0 undefeated prospect Kamil Laszczyk. That bout was for the WBO Youth Super Featherweight title. Since the loss to Laszczyk, Farmer has won three bouts in a row. This will be Farmer's sixth fight of 2012.

The event is promoted by DiBella Entertainment and Rumble Time Promotions in association with Gary Shaw Productions and Universal Promotions. Tickets are priced at \$100, \$75 and \$40, and can be purchased through the Ameristar Casino or by calling (314) 267-2204. Doors open at 5:30PM with the first bout scheduled for 6:00PM.