

Golden Boy Fighters Offer Their Thanksgiving Blessings List

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LOS ANGELES (Nov. 25, 2013) - As the Thanksgiving holiday quickly approaches, the boxers participating in the back-to-back quadruple headers on Saturday, Dec. 7 and Saturday, Dec. 14 live on SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING took time out of their training camps to share some of the things they are thankful for this holiday season. While turkey, stuffing and yams may not be on their Thanksgiving menus, they are all in agreement that there is much to be thankful for.

PAULIE "THE MAGIC MAN" MALIGNAGGI, Former Two-Time, Two-Division World Champion (Training in Brooklyn, NY)

"[I am thankful for] My family and my true friends, especially those that have stuck with me from the start."

"SUPER" ZAB JUDAH, Former Five-Time, Two-Division World Champion (Training in Las Vegas, NV)

"I am thankful for this time and that I get to be together with my family."

DEVON "THE GREAT" ALEXANDER, IBF Welterweight World Champion (Training in St. Louis, MO)

"I am very thankful just to be living and in the position I'm in to help a lot of kids and inspire them too. I'm really thankful for so many things in my life, but I can't mention them all because then the list would go on and on. I do want to say that I am thankful for my team and Golden Boy Promotions for getting me the best opportunity possible. Many people want to be in the position that I am in and I am glad that I am one of them!"

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SHAWN "SHOWTIME" PORTER, Top Welterweight Contender (Training in Las Vegas, NV)

"I am most thankful for family because they are the most important thing to me.

ERISLANDY "EL ORO DE GUANTANAMO" LARA, WBA Interim Super Welterweight World Champion (Training in Houston, TX)

"I am most thankful for being in the United State of America and for the freedom I have been given."

AUSTIN "NO DOUBT" TROUT, Former WBA Super Welterweight World Champion (Training in Houston, TX)

"First and foremost I am most thankful for God, the Son of Jesus. Also, I am thankful for the love from my family, friends and fans. I have so much that I am grateful for including my health and career that allows me to provide for family."

SAKIO "THE SCORPION" BIKA, WBC Super Middleweight World Champion (Training in St. Louis, MO)

"I am most grateful to have my family. Also, I am thankful that I have my health and a roof over my head because in this world there are a lot of disabled and homeless people."

ANTHONY "THE DOG" DIRRELL, Super Middleweight Contender (Training in Del Rey, FL)

"I am most thankful for my family and getting this world championship title opportunity. What I

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have been through has been amazing with the cancer (Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma) and the motorcycle accident. Having the opportunity to recover and fight for the title means a lot to me."

ADRIEN "THE PROBLEM" BRONER, Undefeated WBA Welterweight World Champion (Training in Colorado Springs, CO)

"I am thankful to God for giving me the ability to take care of family, friends and children."

MARCOS "EL CHINO" MAIDANA, Former WBA Intercontinental Welterweight Champion (Training in Oxnard, CA)

"I'm thankful for this opportunity that Golden Boy Promotions is giving me. I'm really excited about this fight because of the many more opportunities that will come my way if I win. I'm also grateful to the fans, all the Mexican fans that are showing me their support."

KEITH "ONE TIME" THURMAN, Undefeated WBA Interim Welterweight World Champion (Training in Clearwater, FL)

"I am most thankful for my career in boxing. Boxing is the only job that I have ever had and the only job I have ever wanted and I am truly grateful for that."

JESUS "EL RENUENTE" SOTO KARASS, Top Welterweight Contender (Training in Los Angeles, CA)

"I am most thankful for my life and my family. I am grateful to have the love of my wife, kids, parents and siblings. I have the best in life with them. I am also grateful for my health."

LEO "EL TERREMOTO" SANTA CRUZ, Undefeated WBC Super Bantamweight World

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Champion (Training in Los Angeles, Calif.)

"I am most thankful for my family, especially my brother. He still suffers from his illness [lupus], but he is doing much better. I am also thankful for my promoter Golden Boy Promotions, my manager Al Haymon and his hard working staff and my fans for supporting me in becoming a champion. Without any of them I wouldn't be where I am at today."

CESAR SEDA, Super Bantamweight Title Challenger (Training in Salinas, Puerto Rico)

"I am thankful to God for my health and all of the good things in life that have happened to me and my beautiful family. I know that this Thanksgiving I won't be able to be with my wife, kids, mother or my grandparents and the rest of my family, but they understand the sacrifice that I am making for their good. This Thanksgiving I pray that God blesses the whole world and that he brings a lot of peace. I am so grateful for the new opportunity he gave me to fight for a world title again."

BEIBUT SHUMENOV, WBA Light Heavyweight World Champion (Training in Las Vegas, NV)

"As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, I am most thankful for my family. My father and mother raised me to be the person I am today and the continuous love and support from my brother, Chingis."

TAMAS "TOMI KID" KOVACS, Top Light Heavyweight Contender (Training in Budapest, Hungary)

"I am very thankful for my family and feel very grateful every day to see my kids and my wife. When I am preparing for a fight my family is always on my mind and in my heart. In my career I am very grateful for the opportunity that I can fight for the WBA title."

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ABOUT "MALIGNAGGI VS. JUDAH":

Malignaggi vs. Judah is a 12-round fight for the NABF and NABO Welterweight titles taking place on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2013 at Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York. The event is promoted by Golden Boy Promotions in association with Super Judah Promotions and sponsored by Corona, AT&T, Casamigos Tequila and Grudge Match. In the co-featured bout, Devon Alexander puts his IBF welterweight title on the line in a 12-round bout against Shawn Porter, Erislandy Lara defends his interim WBA Super Welterweight title in a 12-round fight against Austin Trout and Sakio Bika defends his WBC Super Middleweight title against Anthony Dirrell in a 12-round bout. The SHOWTIME telecast begins at 8:00 p.m. ET/ 5:00 p.m. PT immediately following ALL ACCESS: Broner vs. Maidana which begins at 7:30 p.m. ET/ 4:30 p.m. PT. The telecast will be available in Spanish via secondary audio programming (SAP).

Tickets priced at \$250, \$125, \$75, \$50 and \$25, plus applicable taxes and service charges, available at www.barclayscenter.com , www.ticketmaster.com , all Ticketmaster locations, by calling [800-745-3000](tel:800-745-3000) and at the American Express Box Office. For group tickets, please call 800-GROUP-BK.

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