

Arturo Gatti and Mills Lane Make the Hall of Fame

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CANASTOTA, NY - DECEMBER 10, 2012 - The International Boxing Hall of Fame and Museum announced today the newest class of inductees to enter the Hall. Modern category inductees include two-division champion **Arturo**

“Thunder” Gatti

(posthumous), five-time world champion

Virgil “Quicksilver” Hill

, two-time light flyweight champion

Myung-Woo Yuh

, “Let’s Get It On” referee

Mills Lane

, ring announcer

Jimmy Lennon, Jr.

, and journalist

Colin Hart

“We’re extremely excited about the Class of 2013 and very much looking forward to honoring the 24th class of inductees,” said Executive Director Edward Brophy.

The 24th Annual Hall of Fame Weekend is scheduled for **June 6-9th** in Canastota, NY. Over 20 events, including a golf tournament, banquet, parade and autograph card show, are planned. An impressive celebrity lineup of boxing greats of yesterday and today will attend this year’s Induction Weekend. The highlight of the weekend will be the Official Enshrinement Ceremony on the Hall of Fame Museum Grounds in Canastota, New York on

Sunday, June 9th

to welcome the newest members.

The Class of 2013 also includes lightweight **Wesley Ramey** and middleweight **Jeff Smith** in

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the Old-Timer Category (posthumous); manager

Arturo "Cuyo" Hernandez

in the Non Participant Category (posthumous); cartoonist

Ted Carroll

in the Observer Category (posthumous); and

Joe Coburn

in the Pioneer Category (posthumous). Inductees were voted in by members of the Boxing Writers Association and a panel of international boxing historians.

For more information on the events planned for the 2013 International Boxing Hall of Fame Weekend, please call the Hall of Fame at (315) 697-7095, visit online at www.ibhof.com , on Facebook at

www.facebook.com/InternationalBoxingHallofFame

and on Twitter at

www.twitter.com/BoxingHall

Here is the release Main Events sent out on the Gatti announcement:

CANASTOTA, NY - For a generation of boxing fans, Arturo "Thunder" Gatti was an unforgettable hero of the boxing ring. His many extraordinary battles were some of the most exciting and treasured wars of modern boxing history, and his large and loyal fan base has always maintained that he was one of the sport's most valued performers. Today, the International Boxing Hall of Fame made it official by announcing that Gatti would be enshrined as a member of the IBHOF at their annual ceremony on June 7, 2013 in Canastota, NY.

Gatti, who compiled a 40-9, 31 KOs, record over his 16-year professional career, was elected in his first year of eligibility. Election to the Hall of Fame is the ultimate honor in the world of boxing.

He was a two-time world champion, winning the IBF junior lightweight title in 1995, and the WBC junior welterweight title in 2004. However, Gatti was a fighter who transcended boxing titles, and could pack arenas whether or not the championship was on the line. His string of sold out events at the cavernous Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City set records and earned him the nickname "The Bruce Springsteen of Boxing", for his ability to attract fans and sell tickets.

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His career included four bouts selected by The Ring as the "Fight of the Year" (1997, 1998, 2002 & 2003), and several other fights that were in contention through the years. Gatti was a staple on HBO, making his debut on the network with his December 15, 1998 title-winning effort against Tracy Harris Patterson at Madison Square Garden. His long-term contract with HBO ran until the end of his career in 2007.

Gatti's thrilling style and ability to rally when seemingly on the brink of defeat branded him as the "Human Highlight Reel". Of all his memorable performances, it is likely that Gatti is best remembered for his legendary trilogy of bouts with Micky Ward. The rivalry was named the second greatest boxing trilogy in history (behind only Ali-Frazier), and is permanently etched in the memory of everyone who watched these three rousing fights.

He fought his entire career with Main Events as his promoter and Pat Lynch as his manager, a rare exhibit of loyalty in modern day boxing.

"Arturo Gatti will live on in our memories, and the memories of his legion of fans, as a boxing legend," said Kathy Duva, Main Events CEO. "Therefore, it is fitting that the Hall of Fame has chosen to include him among the many legends whose memories are preserved for all time in Canastota. I know that someday being included there meant a great deal to Arturo during his lifetime, as he spoke about it from time to time. His inclusion in the hall is an honor that he richly deserves."

"I was extremely happy when I got the news that Arturo was inducted," said Pat Lynch. "It was such an honor and a privilege to work with him. My only wish is that Arturo could be here to enjoy it."

The International Boxing Hall of Fame induction ceremony is the centerpiece of an all-star weekend in Canastota, NY, where boxing fans and fighters gather every year to honor the very best of the sport.

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ali says:

If Arturo Gatti is a hall of famer then they better put Zab Judah in as well yeah I said it.

Radam G says:

Cheat shot, my South Central Los Angeles friend? "City of the angels," my @\$\$! You must be a fallin' one, because the devil is all up in your @ss'and keyboard-tapping fingers.

What did Gatti ever do to you? And what did Judah ever do for you? Maybe you just have bro-hood, Urbanite syet with Judah.

De mortuis nil aisi bonum! Holla!

kidcanvas says:

@ ali lmao zab judah wtf ... u are insane hahahahahaha what a joke that is

ali says:

I'm just calling a spade a spade..I love Gatti and I hate that that bitch got away with murdering him but he was not a great fighter.

ali says:

Kid canvas his accomplishment are similar to what Zab has done. Just because you where an,exciting fighter doesn't mean u deserve to be in the HOF.

Radam G says:

You don't have to be a great fighter to be in the HOF FYI, SCLA Ali. Mr. T will be in there before long for his movie role as Clubber Lang. And you know that he had a knockout over Rocky Balboa, before Rocky whup dat arse. Hehehe!

Don't be so serious. The HOF is for certain accomplishments, not greatness in being just a legit fighter. Holla!

ali says:

radam your 100% right and that's y they need to change the requirements to get in theHOF. Rocky should not be in matter of fact I don'tthink Virgil Hill should be in the HOF either.

Radam G says:

You are a hater, SCLA Ali. Virgil Hill was a thrill. He was on his to breaking the "old Mongoose

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Archie Moore's record for straight defenses without a lot until Tommy Hearn upset Hill. That's right! Hill was the favorite in that fight. The boy could straight up fight back in the day.

Don't judge him by Roy Jones Jr kayoing him with broken-rib shot. Holla!