

The Professional Debut of Two-Time Olympic Gold Medalist

ZOU SHIMING

and

WBO Jr. Lightweight Championship

ROCKY MARTINEZ vs. DIEGO MAGDALENO

and

WBO/WBA Flyweight Championship

BRIAN VILORIA vs. JUAN ESTRADA

Tim Ryan, Larry Merchant and Big George Foreman

To Call The Action To U.S. From Ringside at

The CotaiArena at The Venetian Macao

Saturday, April 6, at 2 P.M. ET/PT on HBO2®



LAS VEGAS, NEV. (February 28, 2013) -- U.S. boxing fans will be able to witness the premiere of world championship boxing in Macau with

[ZOU SHIMING](#)

:

Fists of Gold

, featuring two world title fights and the professional debut of the Peoples Republic of China's two-time Olympic Gold Medalist and three-time World Amateur Champion

Zou Shiming.

This brilliant event will be televised to the U.S. on

[Saturday, April 6](#)

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beginning at

2:00 p.m. ET/PT

on

HBO2.

Calling the action from ringside from the

CotaiArena™,

The Venetian® Macao-Resort-Hotel

will be broadcasting icons

Tim Ryan

and

Larry Merchant

and two-time heavyweight champion
Big George Foreman.

The telecast will also feature two-time World Boxing Organization (WBO) junior lightweight champion **ROMAN "Rocky" MARTINEZ** defending his title against undefeated No. 1 contender [DIEGO MAGDALENO](#) and World Boxing Association

(WBA)/WBO flyweight champion
BRIAN "Hawaiian Punch"

[VILORIA](#)

defending his unified titles against Top-10- contender
JUAN FRANCISCO ESTRADA.

"We are delighted that HBO recognizes as we do the historic nature of the Macau event and is making it available on a same-day basis to its subscribers on HBO 2," said Hall of Fame promoter Bob Arum.

[Todd duBoef](#), president of Top Rank, added: "When introducing a new product to the biggest market in the world, we are thrilled that the biggest brands associated with boxing joins us. HBO is the gold standard for the sport and we are honored to have their support and commitment to expanding the boxing brand."

"This is an exciting boxing initiative and we're delighted to be the U.S. television home for this international event," said Kery Davis, senior vice president, programming, HBO Sports.

Shiming, who is currently training with Hall of Fame trainer **Freddie Roach** at the Wild Card Boxing Club in Hollywood, Calif., will make his pro debut against

Eleazar Valenzuela

(2-1-2, 1 KO), of Gusave, Sinaloa, México, in a four-round flyweight bout . One of the most popular Olympic athletes in the People's Republic of China, Shiming is the world's greatest amateur light flyweight, capturing gold medals in the 2008 and 2012 Summer Olympic Games. In the 2005, 2007, and 2011 World Amateur Championships, Shiming also brought home gold medals, making him his nation's first boxing gold medalist in the World Amateur Championships and the Olympics. He became his nation's first Olympic medalist in boxing when he earned bronze in 2004. Known for his extraordinary speed and superb footwork, thanks to years of martial-arts training, many of Shiming's opponents complain that they cannot keep up with him, much less see his punches coming. He has stated that his heroes are Muhammad Ali and

Jackie Chan.

Martinez (26-1-2, 16 KOs), from Vega Baja, Puerto Rico, captured his first world title in 2009, knocking out defending champion Nicky Cook out in the fourth round in front of Cook's countrymen in Manchester, England. Martinez successfully defended the title twice -- both by knockout -- during his one-year reign before losing it via a 12-round decision to Ricky Burns. He regained the title last September, winning a gritty split decision over top-rated contender Miguel Beltran, Jr. Martinez retained his title on January 19, surviving a challenge from Juan Burgos which was judged Draw.

[Magdaleno](#) (23-0, 9 KOs), of Las Vegas, Nev., enters this fight having won six of his last eight fights by way of knockout. He captured the vacant NABF super featherweight title in 2011 by knocking out Marcos Leonardo in the fifth round and successfully defended that title five times during his title reign, which lasted through 2012, against top contenders who had a combined record of 137-31-5 when he fought them, en route to his No. 1 contender position.

[Viloria](#) (32-3, 19 KOs), a native Filipino who hails from of Waipahu, HI, is a two-division, three time world champion. The former U.S. Olympian captured his first world title, the World Boxing Council (WBC) light flyweight crown, in 2005, knocking out defending champion Eric Ortiz in the first round. He held the title for nearly one year before losing it Omar Nino. He earned his second world title in 2009, knocking out International Boxing Federation (IBF) junior flyweight champion Ulises Solis in the 11th round. After losing that title to Carlos Tamara the following year Viloria moved up to the flyweight division. He captured the WBO world title in 2011, upending defending champion Julio Miranda via a unanimous decision. After two successful defenses of his crown -- both by knockout -- Viloria unified the flyweight titles last November 17, knocking out WBA champion Hernan Marquez in the 10th round. Viloria enters this fight riding a three-year winning streak.

Estrada (22-2, 17 KOs), of Hermosillo, México, returns to the ring for his second straight world title shot. A natural flyweight, Estrada dropped down to challenge undefeated WBA light flyweight champion Roman Gonzalez last November 17, losing a unanimous decision. Now back at his natural fighting shape, Estrada will be looking to bring the flyweight world championship belts back to México.

LOCAL MACAU INFORMATION

Presented by [Top Rank](#)® and Sands China Ltd., tickets to **ZOU SHIMING "Fists of Gold"** are on sale now at all Sands China box offices*.

ZOU SHIMING "Fists of Gold" kicks off at 7 pm on April 6 at the CotaiArena. Tickets are on sale now at all Sands China box offices and can be booked online at

www.CotaiTicketing.com

, or by phone at

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www.HKTicketing.com

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[+852 3128 8288](tel:+85231288288)

. Tickets are available in six categories: HKD/MOP 2,680 (Silver), 1,080 (A Reserve), 780 (B Reserve), 480 (C Reserve), 280 (D Reserve) and 80 (E Reserve). Packages with round trip Cotai Water Jet ferry tickets between Hong Kong and Macao are also available for HKD/MOP 2,768 (Silver), 1,168 (A Reserve), 868 (B Reserve), 568 (C Reserve) and 368 (D Reserve). For more information about the event, visit

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deepwater says:

Zou is the man. Zou will be more popular worldwide than pacman and mayweather in 2 years. Fist of gold is appropriate title . Las Vegas will be a ghost town compared to Macau. My friend is a high level exec in Vegas . Everything is going to Macau . Bob arum knows this as well as Sheldon adelson and the rest of the big wigs. The golden rule= those who own the gold rule. China owns all the gold.

deepwater says:

interesting news blurb just came out a minute ago. seems like zou will have the chance to break all records when it comes to getting that money. A Chinese wealth survey has found that Asia has more billionaires than any other continent, apparently surpassing North America for the first time.

all those worthless cash for gold schemes in the usa. anyone wonder where that gold goes? its

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