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**LEO SANTA CRUZ VS. ALEXANDER MUNOZ & J'LEON LOVE VS. GABRIEL ROSADO
COMPLETE "MAY DAY: MAYWEATHER VS. GUERRERO" SHOWTIME PPV® TELECAST**

Star-Studded Night Of Fights To Take Place Saturday, May 4

At The MGM Grand Garden Arena In Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS (April 2, 2012) - The Saturday, May 4 "**MAY DAY: Mayweather vs. Guerrero**" SHOWTIME PPV telecast fight line-up is complete with the addition of former IBF Bantamweight World Champion

Leo Santa Cruz

facing veteran

Alexander Munoz

in a 10-round junior featherweight fight and rising middleweight star

J'Leon Love

squaring off against recent world title challenger

Gabriel Rosado

in a 10-round battle. These bouts, in addition to the already announced

Daniel Ponce de Leon vs. Abner Mares

12-round title fight for Ponce de Leon's WBC Featherweight World Championship, will set the stage for the world title clash between Eight-Time and Five Division World Champion

Floyd Mayweather

and Six-Time and Four-Division World Champion

Robert Guerrero

at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, Nev.

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"I'm so excited to be fighting on this card on such the big Cinco de Mayo holiday weekend," said Santa Cruz. "I have been very fortunate to have fought on great events so far in my career, but this is the biggest stage yet. I plan to make my fans happy on May 4 and show the world that I am here to stay."

"I am so looking forward to getting back in the ring on May 4 and taking the young Leo Santa Cruz to school," said Munoz. "My experience is going to trump his youth and I plan on handing him his first loss in front of the world on SHOWTIME PPV."

"This is what every fighter dreams of," said Love. "Thanks to Floyd Mayweather, Leonard Ellerbe and Mayweather Promotions I have been blessed with the opportunity to fight on SHOWTIME PPV in front of the whole world and on the undercard of one of the greatest fighters to ever lace up a pair of gloves [Floyd Mayweather]. Gabriel Rosado is a big name in the sport and a very good fighter, but on May 4, I plan on making a big statement by beating him and letting the entire world know my name. This is it and I can't wait."

"I have had my ups and downs, but I am confident that May 4 is going to be my time to shine," said Rosado. "J'Leon Love is a tough, good fighter who has learned from some of the best, but I know what I am capable of. I am going to come out on top and show boxing fans across the country and around the world what I am made of."

"Both of these fights are excellent additions to 'MAY DAY: Mayweather vs. Guerrero' and we are especially excited to see J'Leon Love make his SHOWTIME PPV debut," said Leonard Ellerbe, CEO of Mayweather Promotions. "Fighting on a Floyd Mayweather undercard presents a platform unlike any other in the sport of boxing and we know that these rising stars will take full advantage of the opportunity."

"Santa Cruz vs. Munoz and Love vs. Rosado add even more incentive for fans to buy this SHOWTIME PPV extravaganza," said Richard Schaefer, CEO of Golden Boy Promotions. "We could not be more impressed or happy with the path that Leo Santa Cruz is on and can't wait for his skills to be tested further against Munoz in front of a worldwide audience on May 4. J'Leon Love has his toughest test to date when he faces Gabriel Rosado. I can't think of a better way to kick-off this exciting night."

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Boxing's latest action hero, 24-year-old **Leo "Terremoto" Santa Cruz** (23-0-1, 13 KO's) broke onto the international boxing scene in 2012 when he won the IBF Bantamweight World Champion with a 12 round decision win over Vusi Malinga last June. Following that, the punch-a-second native of Huetamo, Mexico went on to defend his belt three times in 2012 with exciting victories over Eric Morel (TKO 5) in September, Victor Zuleta (TKO 9) in November and Alberto Guevara (W 12) in December, establishing himself as a future star. Now making his home in Los Angeles, Santa Cruz returns to the site of his big win over Morel in the hopes of keeping his unbeaten record intact.

Venezuelan veteran **Alexander Munoz** (36-4, 28 KO's) lives up to his nickname of "El Explosivo" with each outing thanks to the devastating punching power that has garnered 19 knockout wins in three rounds or less. A rugged competitor who has never been stopped, the 34-year-old from San Felix has won eight of his last 10 bouts, with his only losses coming against World Champions Cristian Mijares and Koki Kameda. On May 4, Munoz will look hand Santa Cruz his first defeat with the entire world watching.

With the talent he exhibits each time he steps between the ropes, Detroit, Michigan's **J'Leon Love** (15-0, 8 KO's) may very well be the future of the middleweight division. Just 25-years-old, Love has been very impressive in the 160-pound division, most recently stepping up to the test against 28-fight veteran Derrick Findley with a near shutout decision on February 23 in front of his hometown crowd in Detroit. On May 4, he hopes to take another step forward on his trek toward a world title shot by defeating the very tough Gabriel Rosado.

No nonsense **Gabriel "King" Rosado** (21-6, 13 KO's) epitomizes the relentless attitude of a Philadelphia fighter and, after a rocky start to his pro career, the 27-year-old has run off wins in seven of his last eight bouts, including knockout victories over Jesus Soto Karass, Sechew Powell and Charles Whittaker. In January, he gave a courageous effort in a WBA Middleweight World title bout against Gennady Golovkin before being stopped in the seventh round. Now, his comeback begins in Las Vegas on May 4.

"MAY DAY: Mayweather vs. Guerrero," a 12-round fight for Mayweather's WBC Welterweight World Championship, is promoted by Mayweather Promotions and Golden Boy Promotions and sponsored by Corona, O'Reilly Auto Parts, AT&T, Star Trek Into Darkness and Valvoline. The mega-event will take place Saturday, May 4 at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas and will be produced and distributed live by SHOWTIME PPV® beginning at 9:00 p.m. ET/6:00 p.m.

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PT. Also featured will be WBC Featherweight World Champion
Daniel Ponce de Leon
defending his title against former Two-Division World Champion
Abner Mares
in a 12-round fight, former IBF Bantamweight World Champion
Leo Santa Cruz
facing veteran
Alexander Munoz
in a 10-round junior featherweight bout and rising star
J'Leon Love
squaring off against recent world title challenger
Gabriel Rosado
in a 10-round middleweight battle.

Remaining tickets for "**MAY DAY: Mayweather vs. Guerrero**" priced at \$1,500, \$1,250, \$800 and \$600, not including applicable service charges, are on sale now with a total ticket limit of 10 per person. To charge by phone with a major credit card, call Ticketmaster at [\(800\) 745-3000](tel:8007453000)

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General admission tickets for the "**MAY DAY: Mayweather vs. Guerrero**"

closed circuit telecasts at ARIA, Mandalay Bay, The Mirage, Monte Carlo and New York-New York, are priced at \$50, not including handling fees, and go on sale Wednesday, April 3 at 10:00 a.m. PT at each individual property's box office outlets and will also be available for purchase by phone with a major credit card at [866-799-7711](tel:8667997711) . Ticket sales are limited to eight (8) per person. Tickets also are available through Ticketmaster by calling [\(800\) 745-3000](tel:8007453000)

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