

MSG Network To Honor Joe Frazier

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MSG NETWORK TO HONOR JOE FRAZIER WITH LINEUP OF PROGRAMMING TONIGHT

MSG Original Programs “Halls of Fame,” “50 Greatest Moments” and

“Fight Night Classics” Featuring “Smokin’ Joe”

7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

New York, NY (November 8, 2011) MSG Network will honor legendary boxer “Smokin’ Joe” Frazier, who sadly passed away yesterday at the age of 67, with a special block of programming tonight from 7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Frazier’s name is synonymous with Madison Square Garden boxing and tonight’s lineup will give fight fans a glimpse into his storied career. The block of programming will be repeated on Sunday, November 13 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

The special lineup will comprise three MSG Original programs, including the final episode of “50 Greatest Moments,” which features Frazier vs. Muhammad Ali in the “Fight of the Century” from “The World’s Most Famous Arena” in 1971.

The programming block also includes Frazier’s sit-down interview with MSG broadcaster Fran

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Healy in an episode of “Halls of Fame” and the “Fight Night Classics” episode featuring Frazier’s TKO of Jimmy Ellis from Madison Square Garden in 1970, in which Frazier won his first world title.

Frazier had a storied career at Madison Square Garden, going 9-1 in ten bouts at the “Mecca of Boxing.” In addition to the Ellis fight in 1970 and the “Fight of the Century” against Ali in 1971, Frazier was the headline of the “boxing debut” at the new Garden in 1968 when he fought Buster Mathis and had a number of other battles at MSG, including bouts with Jerry Quarry, Manuel Ramos, Oscar Benavena and George Chuvalo. His only loss at the Garden came at the hands of Ali who defeated him in 1974 in a rematch of their first fight.

Tuesday, November 8, 2011 – Joe Frazier Programming

7:30 - 8:00pm: “Halls of Fame”

8:00 - 9:00pm: “50 Greatest Moments” (Final Episode featuring the “Fight of the Century”)

9:00 - 10:00pm: “Fight Night Classics” (Featuring Frazier vs. Jimmy Ellis in 1970)