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WORCESTER, Mass. (February 2, 2012) -- The fuse has been lit for a super middleweight explosion March 17 on HBO between an undefeated **Edwin "La Bomba" Rodriguez** and **Donovan "Da Bomb" George**, live from the Theater at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

The 10-round, non-title fight between International Boxing Federation ("IBF") No. 4-rated Donovan (22-1-1, 19 KOs) and No. 5-ranked Rodriguez has world title shot implications for the winner. The much-anticipated, action-packed fight between two of the top 168-pounders in the world will serve as chief support for the Sergio Martinez-Mathew Macklin main event on the DiBella Entertainment-promoted St. Patrick's Day show, ***THE REAL Middleweight Championship - Get Your Irish Up***.

Dominican Republic-native Rodriguez (20-0, 14 KOs), a 26-year-old fighting out of Worcester (MA), is genuinely excited about making his HBO and MSG debuts. "This is a dream come true for me," Rodriguez said from his Houston training camp. "Fighting on HBO is the biggest stage in boxing, outside of a pay-per-view event, especially at Madison Square Garden. I'm extremely excited to be fighting for the first time on HBO. I will work as hard as I can to win impressively on March 17th. Irish fans are going to love this fight because both fighters have the same entertaining style of fighting."

Rodriguez is coming off of a 10-round unanimous decision victory (100-90 X 3) last October at MGM Grand at Foxwoods against previously unbeaten **Will Rosinsky**. Edwin's other notable wins have been against

Aaron Pryor, Jr

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James McGirt

and

Marcus Upshaw

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"It doesn't get any bigger in boxing than fighting on HBO in Madison Square Garden," Rodriguez' manager **Larry Army** remarked. "Edwin and Donovan will stand apart from the

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other world super middleweight contenders. We're talking about two offensive powerhouses who will keep fans on the edge of their seats. The winner will be in a great position for a world title fight later this year. I don't think that there will be a real 'loser' in this fight. Both guys are the type that fans love to watch and TV networks enjoy showcasing. Rodriguez-George has all the makings of a Gatti-Ward fight; they're going to stand and exchange blows."

Also rated No. 5 by the World Boxing Council ("WBC") and No. 9 by the World Boxing Association ("WBA"), Rodriguez was a two-time U.S. national amateur champion in two weight classes, and is now the reigning United States National Boxing Council ("USNBC") champion.

The 27-year-old George was born and raised in Chicago. The popular knockout specialist captured the vacant United States Boxing Association ("USBA") title in his last fight, stopping **Maxell Taylor** in the eighth round last April in Chicago. George also holds impressive wins over **Cornelius White** and world title challenger **Osumanu Adama**

"I don't know a lot about him but I saw him fight the first time I fought on Showtime (April 30, 2010 - Rodriguez WKO6 **Kevin Engel**, George WDEC8 Adama)," Edwin noted. "He's a good fighter.....but I'm better. He comes to fight and I do as well. I'm really looking forward to this fight. Not a lot of people get a second chance to fight on HBO, so I'm going to take full advantage of this huge opportunity."

Tickets are priced at \$505, \$355, \$205, \$125 and \$65 and are on sale now. Tickets can be purchased through the Madison Square Garden Box Office or through Ticketmaster, at ticketmaster.com, or by calling [\(800\) 745-3000](tel:8007453000). Call DiBella Entertainment at [\(212\) 947-2577](tel:2129472577), or visit www.dbe1.com and @loudibella on Twitter for more information.

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Team Rodriguez is also offering a junket package on a first come, first serve basis, of \$110.00, which includes round-trip bus transportation and a ticket to the fight. Busses are scheduled to leave at 9 AM/ET from Worcester City Hall and will return right after the conclusion of the Martinez-Macklin fight. To book contact Rodriguez' manager Larry Army at larmy@armyandarmy.com

Go online to www.EdwinRodriguezBoxing.com for more information about Edwin or his Mar. 17 fight vs. George.