

ALERT! 2nd Ali-King Essay Contest For Aspiring Boxing Writers, and Boxers

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SARTONK has launched the second annual Ali-King Award. Named after Martin Luther King, Jr. and Muhammad Ali, this essay contest is intended to promote literacy and critical thinking among boxing youth. Boxers and aspiring boxing writers are invited to submit essays on one of five topics, ranging from the social significance of boxing to comparative analyses of Ali and King.

“We want to encourage boxers to train their minds, as well as, their bodies,” comments Hasmig Tatirossian, Executive Manager at SARTONK. “By thinking about the lives that Ali and King led, we’d also like them to recognize the links between boxing and social consciousness,” she adds.

The Ali-King Award is sponsored by boxing’s international sanctioning bodies (WBA, IBF, WBO, IBO) as well as, prominent organizations and gyms. This year, SARTONK is proud to announce that the Wu Tang Brand -- the official brand of the hip hop pioneers and urban cultural icons -- has also decided to sponsor the project. “We’re proud of Wu-Tang’s involvement,” remarks Ed Majian, President at SARTONK. “First, it highlights the cultural relevance of boxing and, second, it speaks to the fact that Wu-Tang, the legendary music phenomenon, champions the virtues of literacy and critical thinking as pathways to personal and social transformation.”

The Awardees, to be honored at Gleason’s Boxing Gym in Brooklyn, NY, will each receive SARTONK’s exclusive Ali-King Statue, a book stipend, and a certificate bearing the logos of all the sponsors. The first place winner will have the opportunity to train and lunch with a former Champion at Gleason’s Gym. “We’re grateful to all of our sponsors for recognizing the importance of this project. A special thanks to Bruce Silverglade, President of Gleason’s, who’s welcomed this project from day one and has generously opened the gym to us,” expresses Tatirossian.

Essay submissions will be evaluated by a panel of judges (TBA) composed of boxing writers, boxers, and educators. They are due by midnight, Dec. 18, 2013.

For more information, including eligibility requirements, rules, and essay topics, please visit www.sartonk.com/ali-king

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Here you go, Grimm! You should take a shot at this since you have a way with words, a way of telling a story...Haha, don't mean to put you on the spot, but your posts are some of the one's I look forward to reading when I visit TSS.

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Agreed.

Grimm uses the coolest slang on the TSS... can't wait to use the term "groomers" in a sentence.

Grimm says:

Thanks, I'm truly glad you appreciate them. You and the other regulars here are what makes this place special.

Speaking of stories: I once studied to be a journalist. I dreamed of making the headlines, uncover hidden truths, be the second coming of Gunther Wallraff. In reality, I ended up, well, covering clowns visiting town with a circus, and other heavy topics. But yeah, in a way and among other things I am a writing man, though only available in a language that merely 0.1% of the world population understands...if I got the math right.

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It shows Grimm...

I can see why you want(ed) to go down that path.

The Shadow says:

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ultimoshogun says:

[QUOTE=The Shadow;40215]How about an essay written by Bernie Campbell? Wouldn't that be something, friscoes? I'd KILL to read it.[/QUOTE]

Agreed, Bernie Campbell knows his history. Not sure if you've read this before, but its the winning essay from a contest last year.

[url]http://www.thesweetscience.com/news/articles/14303-qwhy-we-accept-our-boxing-brokenq

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[QUOTE=the Roast;40243]Look at those comments after the article Ultimo, you get a classic Deepwater story and some sour grapes from the Roast. Ahhh those were the days....[/QUOTE]

Haha, yeah I did when I re-read it a while ago. Did deepwater really get the banhammer? I remember someone said he may have on another thread.

The Shadow says:

CA n someone give me the story on why he got banned and what he did that was so offensive?

the Roast says:

Yep, Deep got the official heave ho. After an exclusive behind the scenes investigation the Roast received confirmation from TSS forum coordinator Laura that Deep is indeed gone for good. He went too far. She said they let alot of his comments slide but enough was enough. He will be missed...

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[QUOTE=The Shadow;40248]What kind of comments, though? Why were they so offensive?[/QUOTE]

She would not specify. I don't know what article the comments were from. She said he insulted and offended the writer.

ultimoshogun says:

I figured that's what it was...I remember he went after EM once over some political stuff. Haha, oh well.

The Shadow says:

[QUOTE=the Roast;40250]She would not specify. I don't know what article the comments were from. She said he insulted and offended the writer.[/QUOTE]

OH!!! I see. Would make sense to me.

Carmine Cas says:

I think it was when Deep Water was insinuating that TSS was pushing a communist agenda or we live under a communist regime, something in that order and Editor Mike actually interjected. This essay contest looks cool