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ORANGE, Calif. (Jan. 15, 2014) - In what might be his toughest challenge to date, super featherweight **Juan Carlos Burgos** (30-1-2, 20 KOs) aims to capture his first world title against undefeated and current WBO champion

Mikey Garcia

(33-0, 28 KOs) on Saturday, Jan. 25, from

The Theater

at

Madison Square Garden

televised live on

HBO Boxing After Dark

(9:45 p.m. ET/PT).

"It's go time for me," Burgos said. "I had two, tough draws in 2013 that I felt I deservedly won and in order for me to put those experiences behind me, I have to take that title away from Mikey."

Many in the boxing community believe Burgos defeated **Roman Martinez** for the WBO title last January. Burgos looked sharp early and appeared to control the tempo from beginning to end, but the judges ultimately signaled the fight a draw. In November, Garcia would later strip Martinez of his belt via an eighth round knockout.

"I did everything right against Martinez," Burgos said. "This time, I won't be leaving Madison Square Garden without the hardware that rightfully belongs to me."

"Burgos is fighting for a world title that we thought he had cleanly won last January," said **Ken Thompson**

, president of

[Thompson Boxing Promotions](#)

, who, along with Banner Promotions, promotes Burgos. "To say that Burgos is highly motivated

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to become a world champion is the understatement of the year."

"This is going to be a fight between two excellent fighters," said **Arthur Pelullo**, president of [Banner Promotions](#)

. "Mikey Garcia is at the top of his game and it is going to be a difficult fight, but we believe Burgos is going to become a world champion. He has been training hard in Tijuana. You are going to see two guys that do not know how to back up and everybody knows that, so it is going to be a great fight."

The telecast opens with a 10-round battle between undefeated heavyweight contenders **Bryant Jennings** (17-0, 9 KOs) and **Artur Szpilka** (16-0, 12 KOs).

The event is promoted by **Top Rank**, in association with **Banner Promotions, Thompson Boxing Promotions, Gary Shaw Productions, Warriors Boxing Promotions, Madison Square Garden** and **Tecate**.

Tickets priced at **\$200, \$100, \$50** and **\$25**, are on sale now. Tickets can be purchased at the Madison Square Garden Box Office, all Ticketmaster outlets, Ticketmaster charge by phone (866-858-0008), and online at ticketmaster.com and the garden.com

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