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### "HONOR & GLORY: CANELO VS. LARA" FIGHTERS GRAND ARRIVAL QUOTES

LAS VEGAS (July 8, 2014) - With "Honor & Glory: Canelo vs. Lara" just days away, **Canelo Alvarez**

**Erislandy "The American Dream" Lara**

,  
**Abner Mares**

,  
**Jonathan "Polvo" Oquendo**

,  
**Juan Manuel "JuanMa" Lopez**

and

**Mauricio "El Maestro" Herrera**

made their grand arrivals Tuesday to the MGM Grand Hotel Lobby to officially kick off fight week activities leading up to this Saturday night's SHOWTIME PPV

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event.

Boxing fans were on hand to support the fighters before they lay it all on the line this Saturday, July 12.

Tickets are still available at the \$750, \$500, \$250, \$150, \$75 and \$50 price ranges, not including applicable service charges. Tickets are limited to eighteen (18) per person with a limit of eight (8) at the \$75 and \$50 price ranges. To charge by phone with a major credit card, call

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Ticketmaster at (800) 745-3000. Tickets also are available at [www.mgmgrand.com](http://www.mgmgrand.com) or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

Here is what the fighters had to say:

### **CANELO ALVAREZ, Former WBA & WBC Super Welterweight World Champion**

"Erislandy Lara insulted me and my country. He insulted my ability to box, and I take that seriously. This is more than just a fight for me. On Saturday, I'm not only fighting for my honor, I'm fighting for the pride of my country.

"We're ready to fight and I'm so happy to see all these people anxious for the day to finally arrive.

"The fans are my motivation to keep winning and competing at a high level.

"There's a lot more of my story to be written so I am completely focused on Saturday night.

"Lara can get motivated however he wants, talking or not. The best man will win on Saturday.

"This fight will give me personal satisfaction. It's about fighting the best and beating the best. The media and the fans know that this is a dangerous fight and them knowing that will make my win that much better. It's a personal satisfaction to be fighting the best and beating the best."

### **ERISLANDY LARA, WBA Junior Middleweight World Champion**

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"When I arrived to the United States from Cuba, times were tough. I've built what I have from nothing. I take pride in the opportunities that this country has given me. And I'm not about to let this one go by.

"On Saturday I will trudge through the doors that my boxing skills have opened up for me and the world will know who I am .

"I feel very special to be here right now. I don't feel any pressure because I am ready to fight.

"They can say what they want Canelo is Canelo. I'm ready to fight because I believe the best should fight the best.

"Right now Canelo is my enemy and this is war now.

"I trust my trainer Ronnie Shields. He knows exactly what he is doing. Ronnie is the best trainer that I have ever had. I had great trainers as an amateur, but Ronnie is the best professionally.

"I'm fighting for my family, to put food on the table for them. No one can take that away from me."

## **ABNER MARES, Former Three-Time, Three-Division World Champion**

"This fight is no walk in the park. Jonathan is a warrior and that's why I trained very hard. I'm here to make a statement.

"The Mexico vs. Puerto Rico rivalry lets you know this is going to be a great fight.

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"I'm glad he has the mentality of the knockout, but on Saturday it is going to be my night in the ring."

## **JONATHAN OQUENDO, Featherweight Contender**

"I'm not going to lie; I have a lot of respect for Abner Mares, but don't let that fool you. I don't feel any pressure, he's a great champ but there will be blood in the ring on Saturday, and it won't be mine.

"We have great fighters from Puerto Rico and this is for those fans who will see something great Saturday.

"The knockouts come naturally to me; if it presents itself I will definitely knock him out."

## **JUAN MANUEL LOPEZ, Former Two-Division World Champion**

"I feel good and very confident. I'm simply a better fighter. Come Saturday night, Puerto Rico will school Mexico. Vargas better watch out.

"Everything I did in the gym takes the pressure away and makes my confidence rise.

"We've got two great countries, Puerto Rico and Mexico battling it out and I just want to prove Puerto Ricans can fight."

## **FRANCISCO VARGAS, 2008 Mexican Olympian & Super Featherweight Contender**

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"I'm ready for war, Juanma better be ready to fight a true Mexican warrior.

"I don't feel any pressure, that stuff just motivates me.

"I'm glad to have all my countrymen here and we will give them all a war."

## **JOHAN PEREZ, Interim WBA World Junior Welterweight Champion**

"I know what I have in front of me. Mauricio is a tough, aggressive fighter and we're going to give a great fight.

"Make sure you don't miss my fight Saturday. I'm going to be his problem, not Danny Garcia."

## **MAURICIO HERRERA, Junior Welterweight Contender**

"I'm coming off of a controversial loss, and I'm not about to let that happen again. I'm going to come out victorious on Saturday night and no judge will think otherwise.

"We're going to go through Johan first before worrying about another chance at Danny Garcia.

"Johan is the guy in front me and I'll show all of you a great match on Saturday."

## **OSCAR DE LA HOYA, President and Founder of Golden Boy Promotions**

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"Fights like these are all for the fans, that's why we're in this business. The match-up between Canelo Alvarez and Erislandy Lara is going to be explosive and everyone in attendance and watching on television will witness the heart and will of two true champions.

"When the final bell sounds on Saturday night, there will not only be a winner in the ring but the fight fans will walk away the winners as well because they will have seen boxing at it's best.

"Make sure you get there early for fireworks in the ring.

"Top to bottom, this card is going to be explosive."

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