



THE RETURN OF GYM BOXING SHOWS AT THE CABARET DU CASINO DE MONTRÉAL

A presentation of Casino de Montréal

In collaboration with Vidéotron

46^e GYM boxing show at the Casino de Montréal

PRESS RELEASE

MONTRÉAL, December 3, 2015—After a three year break, the ‘GYM Boxing Series’ is back at the Cabaret du Casino de Montréal, in collaboration with Vidéotron. Three shows are already scheduled, three beautiful Thursdays, starting January 21, then March 17 and finally, May 12. From 8 to 10 fights are expected to take part of each event, starting at 7hPM each time.

From 2004 to 2010, GYM presented 45 shows in this prestigious hall and just like previously, the spectators will have the privilege to get season tickets for reserved seats and also to obtain a 15% reduction on regular tickets.

GYM most decorated fighters were developed in this series. **Otis Grant** fought in a WBC super-middleweight eliminator, while **Joachim Alcine**, **Hermann Ngoudjo**, **Jean Pascal**, **Adonis Stevenson** and a lot more did their first steps in the direction of a spot in the world rankings. **Leonard Dorin**, **Lucian Bute** and **Adrian Diaconu** also made their mark in the series!

‘This series at the Casino de Montréal, from 2004 to 2012, has enormously contributed to the development of professional boxing in Quebec, said GYM’s President, Yvon Michel. In a prestigious and warm place, the fans will live a unique experience in an intense atmosphere, while having an intimate time with the ring superstars.’

Canadian Olympian **Custio Clayton (5-0, 4 KOs)** will be the headliner of the Series first event, January 21, in a 10 rounds welterweight bout. The Nova Scotia

native now living in Montreal with his family is a perfect match for this Series. He certainly belongs in the same class of the previously mentioned boxers.

Clayton, after a well seasoned amateur career, where he missed an Olympic medal at the London Games by a single point, chose Montreal and GYM to start his professional career. He should also be the main attraction for the three shows of this 2016 Series.

A new acquisition

GYM would also like to officially announce a deal to become the co-promoter, in association with Eric Kerub, of young promising boxer, **Erik Bazinyan (10-0, 7 KOs)**, 20 years old from Laval.

He previously boxed on GYM's shows and he impressed each time he stepped in the ring. Under the supervision of the famous brothers Howard and Otis Grant, the young phenomenon has a bright future in front of him and GYM is really proud to add him to his team.

Bazinyan will be part of the co-feature, January 21, in an 8 rounds super-middleweight fight. He will be a permanent figure in this Series, plus fighting on his co-promoters cards (Rixa Promotions).

Lot of action

Each card of the GYM Series at the Casino will showcase between 8 and 10 bouts.

In the confirmed fights for January 21, Montreal's own **Lucia Larcinese (7-10-1, 0 KOs)** and **Olivia Gerula (16-15-2, 3 KOs)** from Manitoba will faceoff, **Marie-Ève Dicaire (1-0, 0 KOs)** from Saint-Eustache and **Christina Barry (0-2, 0 KOs)** from Manitoba will square off in a rematch and finally, the heavyweight Canadian champion **Dillon Carman (9-2, 8 KOs)** will exchange leather with tough brawler **Éric Barrak (8-3, 7 KOs)** from Longueuil.

Vislan Dalkhaev (4-0, 1 KOs) from Montreal, the mixed martial arts specialist **Yoni Sherbatov (pro debut)** from Laval, the American-Romanian and training partner of Lucian Bute, **Dario Bredicean (6-0, 2 KOs)**, as Toronto based Ukrainian **Oleksandr Teslenko (2-0, 1 K.-O.)** will also see action in this stacked card.

Boxing at the Casino

Boxing at the Casino de Montréal is a true tradition for GYM.

If we look at numbers, **45 shows** produced **269 fights**. Of those fights, **8 Quebec championships, 9 Canadian championships, 17 North American championships, 5 Continental championships, 10 International championships, 2 World youth championships** and **1 World eliminator bout** took place.

In the WBC super-middleweight elimination fight, April 6, 2006, **Otis Grant** from Montreal and **Librado Andrade** from California squared off. Andrade won by retirement in the seventh round.

The first ever boxing card at the Casino was March 20, 2004.

Former WBA world lightweight champion and Romanian Olympic hero **Leonard Dorin** then stopped tough Philadelphia slugger 'Chucky T', while **Lucian Bute** and **Adrian Diaconu** were also part of it.

The tickets will be on sale on admission by Wednesday, December 9, starting at 60\$.

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About Groupe Yvon Michel Inc. :

Groupe Yvon Michel (GYM) was founded in 2004. The organization's mission is the development of high level boxers by a coaching support and especially by competitive management. To achieve its objectives, GYM is active in recruiting talent and organizing events. Since its founding, in less than 11 years, GYM produced 120 boxing events, some of them have made history in terms of ticket sales and PPV, including Pascal vs. Hopkins I and II. GYM has produced over 300 hours of television on Canal Indigo, Bell TV, Shaw TV, TVA Sports, VOX, TVA, CBC, RDS and V in Canada, as well as CBS, HBO, Showtime and ESPN in the USA. A total of 7 different GYM boxers participated in 23 world title fights. Under the tutelage of GYM, Joachim Alcine captured the WBA super welterweight title in 2007 and Jean Pascal, in 2009, won the WBC Light Heavyweight belt. Since June 2013, Adonis "Superman" Stevenson holds the WBC, The Ring and linear light heavyweight titles. Finally, Adonis Stevenson was named boxer of the year in the world in 2013 by The Ring, Sports Illustrated and many publications.