

FIREWORKS “THE REMATCH”

Start your Fourth of July weekend with a BANG! American Boxing Promotions presents **Fireworks “The Rematch”** at South Point Hotel, Casino and Spa beginning at 7 PM on Friday, July 3, 2009. The main event will feature one of the biggest rematches in the history of women’s boxing. WBA and GBU lightweight champion of the world, and Las Vegas resident, Layla McCarter will defend her belts against Tokyo, Japan’s Fujin Raika in a rematch that is seven years in the making.

In April of 2002, McCarter won a majority 8-round decision in Tokyo over the then undefeated Raika. McCarter would go on to win four world titles while Raika vowed to exact revenge. In 2002, Raika captured the WIBA’s version of the world title at Featherweight but has twice lost close decisions for the WBC title at Jr. Lightweight and Lightweight. She is currently rated #5 in the world by the WBA.

Raika requested that the rematch take place in McCarter’s hometown of Las Vegas since she was originally defeated by McCarter in her hometown of Tokyo. McCarter has countered with a vow to keep the title in the United States on the weekend that the nation celebrates its independence.

In the co-main event, Sau Paolo’s Carlos Nascimento puts his 23-1 record on the line against Las Vegas’ own Juan Pablo Montes De Oca in a ten-round Jr. Middleweight contest. Nascimento has knocked out 20 of 24 past opponents. In May of 2007, his lone defeat was by decision to undefeated WBO Champion Sergiy Dzinziruk in a bid for the title in Germany. Montes de Oca should provide a stern test, as he has faced some of the biggest names in the division, such as Vanes Martirosian, Jose Celaya and Antonio Diaz.

Antonio Mesquita, who now resides in Las Vegas, will put his 34-1 record on the line against Mexico City's Hugo Correa, winner of the Mexican reality show "*La Cintura de Oro*." With 26 KO's to his credit, Mesquita proves to be an outstanding fighter.

Bantamweight David Springer will take on Mario Gonzalez. Luis Gordon will take on Raul Duhart in a four-round Jr. Welterweight contest. Popular heavyweight Alvaro Morales will battle Alaskan Kelly Lawson. Omar Valencia will battle Los Angeles' "El Torito" Jose Pacheco in a rematch of a very exciting May 2009 contest, which ended in a draw and left the fans on their feet. As a special attraction, Sweden native, and Las Vegas resident, Donatella Hultin can be seen in action for only the second time in her professional career.

Tickets for **Fireworks "The Rematch"** start at \$20.00 and are available at the South Point Casino Box Office. For more information please call (702) 797-8055.