

Event Alert: The Secret Gentlemen's Club to Host Fight Weekend Grand Finale



Las Vegas – It's been said that what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas, and this weekend won't be any different when the Secret Gentlemen's Club hosts a "Fight Weekend Grand Finale" of official after party events for the electrifying fight between Floyd Mayweather and Miguel Cotto.

Festivities start Friday night, May 4, 2012 in anticipation of Saturday night's fight affair with an Industry Night Mix and Mingle and Network from 8:00 p.m. on to 7:00 a.m. Then Saturday, May 5, 2012, the Secret Gentlemen's Club will be the scene for an Official Late Night/ Early Morning After Fight Bash from 8:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Sunday, May 6, 2012 however, will mark the night tongues will be tempted to wag as the venue host the After Party to All Parties (including the one for "Kevin Hart at Rain inside The Palms Hotel,") from 8:00 p.m to 7:00 a.m. Industry-ites, celebrities and beautiful women will converge for revelry that will be whispered about for weeks to come! VIP and bottle service, red carpet and limousine pick up are the added amenities for a weekend of daring decadence. The Secret Gentlemen's Club is located at 3750 South Valley View Boulevard in Las Vegas, one block north of the Rio Hotel.

In a town reputed for its nightlife, the Secret Gentlemen's Club is renowned for mixing class, sass and entertainment. With two main stages and a lavish VIP room, complete with a private champagne room; 20,000 square feet of timeless design provide a playground for 100 of the most beautiful women in the world. Dark chocolate suede seating with both rolling

chairs and booths, a lavish stage booth complete with chandelier, mini bar and a private tip rail set the tone for complete comfort, seduction and fun.

The Fight Weekend Grand Finale at the Secret Gentlemen's Club is one secret worth sharing. Contact Benzy at (714) 457-4751 or (702) 518-0438 or at mylifeskills@yahoo.com for invites and information.

Tyler Perry's HOP star, Demetria McKinney, in concert at Spirit of Democracy Awards Gala "Celebrating Our Brothers"



Washington, DC – Determined to honor their commitment to produce an intergenerational affair, The National Coalition on Black Civic Participation (The National Coalition) has tapped award-winning actress, singer and songwriter, Demetria McKinney (Tyler Perry's House of Payne), to perform at the 15th annual Spirit of Democracy Awards Gala on Thursday May 17, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill. Hosted this year by actress Vivica A. Fox (Set It Off, Independence Day), among the groups honorees are emerging leaders Jonathan McDaniel, actor, recording artist and technology advocate, and Joshua DuBois, executive director of The White House Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships.

"We want to make sure to honor some of the young people that are doing the work in addition to recognizing the stellar individuals and organizations that work to mentor and train our men. Jonathan and Joshua are young leaders in technology and public service," said Melanie L. Campbell, president and CEO of The National Coalition.

"Demetria is a rising star in music and film. She is known for her acting talent, but she is also an accomplished vocalist and does positive work with youth. I'm looking forward to her electrifying performance," said Jessica Brown, national field coordinator, Black Youth Vote, The National Coalition's youth civic engagement initiative.

Best known for her role as "Janine Payne" on the NAACP award-winning sitcom "Tyler Perry's House of Payne," McKinney started out in the stage play, "Meet the Browns" and went on to star in several other Tyler Perry plays including "What's Done In The Dark" and "Why Did I Get Married." She also held lead roles in "Church Girl" and portrayed Mrs. Coretta Scott King in the musical, "I Dream." McKinney's hit single "Take Away" is available on iTunes and her debut CD is due out later this year.

With the theme, "Celebrating Our Brothers," the remaining 2012 Spirit of Democracy honorees are Gerald Hudson, executive vice president, Service Employees International Union (SEIU); Michael Baisden, nationally syndicated radio personality, author, and activist; Al Dotson, chairman of the board, 100 Black Men of America; Shawn Dove, campaign manager, Campaign for Black Male Achievement, Open Society Foundations; and David Honig, founder and president, Minority Media and Telecommunications Council. There will also be a tribute to Ruby Campbell Pulliam.

The Spirit of Democracy Awards are sponsored by AT&T and Verizon, among others. Individual ticket prices are \$175. For more information call 202 659-4929 or visit www.ncbcp.org to

purchase online.

International Jazz Day Is Tomorrow

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April 30th is International Jazz Day and various cultural workers, artists, educational institutions and fans will observe it with concerts, workshops, film-viewings and exhibitions. The [Jazzday](#) website will stream the Sunset and Sunrise concerts tomorrow live from their New Orleans and New York City locations. Herbie Hancock, Chaka Khan, Ellis Marsalis, Dianne Reeves, Ron Carter, Christian McBride and Quincy Jones are some of the artists scheduled to appear in the performances. The morning show in New Orleans starts at 8AM EST and the New York event begins at 7:30PM EST. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) declared April 30th International Jazz Day at their general conference in November of last year. The launch concert took place at the organization's Paris headquarters on Friday. Herbie Hancock is their Goodwill Ambassador and he is of course a great face to add to the masthead. We should all observe International Jazz Day but would these kinds of events be necessary if jazz was alive in the industry?

Doomtree Kicks Off First European Tour

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Minnesota rap crew Doomtree is going on their first European tour next month. Check the tour dates below.

No Kings European Tour Dates:

5/5 â€” Varazze, Italy – Vans Off The Wall Spring Classic

5/6 â€” Brussels, Belgium (headlining)

5/8 â€” Amsterdam, Netherlands (Opening for Yelawolf)

5/9 â€” Heidelberg, Germany (Headlining)

5/10 â€” Bern, Switzerland (Opening for Yelawolf)

5/11 â€” Paris, France (Opening up for Yelawolf)

5/12 – The Hague, Netherlands – Walk The Line Festival 2012

5/14 – Camden London, United Kingdom (Opening for Yelawolf)

5/15 â€” Bristol, United Kingdom (Opening for Yelawolf)

5/16 â€” Birmingham, United Kingdom (Opening for Yelawolf)

6/16 â€” Minneapolis, MN â€” Rock The Garden â€” SOLD OUT

8/4 â€” Chicago, IL – Lollapalooza