

**Louisville Boxer Carlos Dixon to Defend WBC Junior Featherweight Title Jan. 18
Title Fight is Feature on Six-Bout Card at Louisville Memorial Auditorium**

Louisville, Ky. – January 7, 2020 – Louisville professional boxer Carlos Dixon (age 22, 10-1, 8 KOs) will defend his World Boxing Council (WBC) Junior Super Featherweight title on Jan. 18 against Mexico's Luis Ronaldo Castillo, (age 21, 21-5, 16 KOs). The eight-round bout is presented by Uprising Promotions and will be held at historic Louisville Memorial Auditorium, marking the first boxing card to take place inside the venue.

This fight is Dixon's first title defense since he won the vacant WBC title by defeating Venezuelan Edinso Torres in November in Kingston, Jamaica.

A WBC Junior World Championship is for fighters ages 18 to 24 and super featherweight fighters must weigh between 126 and 130 pounds.

"To hold my first title defense fight in my hometown of Louisville is a privilege," said Dixon. "With the support of my family and friends, I've accomplished a lot in the 10 years since I started training in my dad's garage. This title fight continues my journey to bring another major world championship back to Louisville and honor the legacy of The Greatest - Muhammad Ali."

Information regarding the boxers who will fill out the six-card event will be announced Jan. 13.

Doors open on Jan. 18 at 6 p.m.; first bell is at 7 p.m. General admission ticket prices are \$35, which includes all fees and taxes. Tickets can be purchased online at www.louisvillememorialauditorium.com/calendar-of-events and at the door. For more information, call (502) 584-4911.

Media interested in covering the event can request credentials by contacting Lisa Mills at lmills@louisvillesports.org. Approved requests will receive confirmation no later than Thur., Jan. 16.

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Louisville Sports Commission

The Louisville Sports Commission (LSC) is a Louisville, Kentucky-based 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to create a legacy of economic and social vitality through sports. The LSC attracts and hosts sporting events and activities that have a positive economic impact on Louisville, enhance the area's image as a premier sports destination, promote active lifestyles and improve the quality of life for community members of all ages, and connect local businesses with student-athletes for future job opportunities. More information is available online at www.louisvillesports.org, www.facebook.com/louisvillesportscommission and @SportsinLou.

Uprising Promotions

Brooklyn, NY-based Uprising Promotions was founded in 2013 by undefeated light heavyweight boxer, Ronson Frank (17-0, 9 KOs), who comes from a long line of boxing lineage in his family. Since its creation, Uprising Promotions has consistently put on action-packed, competitive fights while providing a platform for young boxing prospects to showcase their skills. At Uprising

Promotions, we strategically match fighters to ensure fans are treated to a compelling night of boxing every time we put on a show. We believe in challenging our fighters while also providing opportunities to combatants who are hungry to prove themselves.

Louisville Memorial Auditorium

Louisville Memorial Auditorium was created as a memorial to commemorate the local community who served in World War I. The Greek Revival building was designed by internationally renowned architect, Thomas Hastings, who was assisted by Louisville architect E.T. Hutchings. It has been hosting a variety of concerts, stage productions, graduations, meeting presentations and dance recitals and competitions, while serving the community since 1929. It has been designated a landmark by the Louisville Landmarks Commission and is on the National Register of Historic Places.