



## FOUR-DIVISION WORLD CHAMPION MIGUEL COTTO TO BATTLE FOR VACANT WBO WORLD JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP AGAINST YOSHIHIRO KAMEGAI

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 FROM STUBHUB CENTER IN CARSON, CALIF.  
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LOS ANGELES (May 24, 2017): **Miguel Cotto** (40-5, 33 KOs), the only four-division world champion in the rich boxing history of Puerto Rico, will return to the ring on Saturday, August 26 to take on the always-exciting **Yoshihiro "El Maestrito" Kamegai** (27-3-2, 24 KOs) in a 12-round match for the vacant WBO Junior Middleweight World Championship from the StubHub Center in Carson, Calif. Cotto will attempt to secure a sixth world championship in four weight classes as he makes his 23rd appearance on HBO.

Cotto, a surefire, first-ballot Hall-of-Famer, has held world titles in the super lightweight, welterweight, junior middleweight and middleweight divisions and has fought and defeated a who's who of elite fighters over the last 15 years including **Kelson Pinto, Demarcus "Chop Chop" Corley, Ricardo "Mochuelo" Torres, Paulie "Magic Man" Malignaggi, Zab "Super" Judah, Sugar Shane Mosley, Antonio "El Tornado de Tijuana" Margarito, Ricardo "El Matador" Mayorga** and **Sergio "Maravilla" Martinez**.

"I'm very excited to be back and showcase a high level fight for the fans," Cotto said. "Kamegai is a great, tough fighter, but I will be ready for him and to capture the world title. I can't wait to start training for this fight and get back in the ring on August 26."

Kamegai is known as one of the highest-action fighters in the sport having engaged in a fight of the year candidate against **Jesus "Renueente" Soto Karass** in 2016 and taking champions and contenders including **Robert "The Ghost" Guerrero, Alfonso Gomez** and **Johan "El Terrible" Perez** into deep water.

"I fully understand who I am going to be in the ring against, but Cotto's record and history won't matter once we are toe-to-toe," Kamegai said. "I am looking forward to giving fans the kind of aggressive fight that they have seen from me before and having my arm raised in victory."

"Miguel Cotto is a legend who is still fighting for title belts more than a dozen years after first being crowned a world champion. It's remarkable," said **Oscar De La Hoya**, Chairman and CEO of Golden Boy Promotions. "But I've seen Kamegai in action many times, and the guy doesn't ever take a step back. Miguel will have his hands full on August 26."

"August 26 will mark the return of Miguel Cotto pursuing his sixth world title," said **Hector Soto**, Vice President of Miguel Cotto Promotions. "Cotto vs. Kamegai will be another epic battle that promises fireworks in the ring between Puerto Rico and Japan. Miguel Cotto is back on the big stage of boxing, fighting in Los Angeles on HBO. Nobody can miss it."

**Cotto vs. Kamegai**, a 12-round fight for the vacant WBO World Junior Middleweight Championship, is presented by Golden Boy Promotions and Miguel Cotto Promotions in association with Teiken Promotions and sponsored by Tecate "BORN BOLD". The event will take place Saturday, August 26 at the StubHub Center in Carson, Calif. and will be televised live on HBO World Championship Boxing.

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