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## ELITE WELTERWEIGHT STARS DANNY GARCIA & SHAWN PORTER SET TO BATTLE FOR VACANT 147-POUND WORLD TITLE

**Saturday, September 8 Live on SHOWTIME® from Barclays Center in Brooklyn  
& Presented by Premier Boxing Champions**

**Tickets on Sale Thursday, July 26 at 10 A.M.**

**BROOKLYN** (July 24, 2018) - Welterweight stars and former 147-pound titleholders **Danny "Swift" Garcia** and **"Showtime" Shawn Porter** will square off for the vacant WBC Welterweight World Championship live on SHOWTIME Saturday, September 8 in a Premier Boxing Champions event from Barclays Center, the home of BROOKLYN BOXING™.

The SHOWTIME CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING® main event (9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT) will pit two of the division's biggest names against each other, as the former unified 140-pound champion and former WBC welterweight titleholder Garcia meets the hard-charging fan favorite and former welterweight champion Porter. The consensus top-5 ranked welterweights face off for the WBC belt vacated by Keith Thurman as he rehabs from an elbow surgery.

Tickets for the live event, which is promoted by TGB Promotions and DiBella Entertainment, in association with DSG Promotions, start at \$50 and go on sale Thursday, July 26 at 10 a.m. Tickets can be purchased at [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com), [barclayscenter.com](http://barclayscenter.com), or by calling 800-745-3000. Tickets can also be purchased at the American Express Box Office at Barclays Center starting Friday, July 27 at noon. Group discounts are available by calling 844-BKLYN-GP.

"I'm excited and motivated to go in there and recapture what's mine," said Garcia. "The WBC title belongs to me. Come September 8, I'm going to prove that I'm the best fighter in the world. My loss is behind me and it's given me a chip on my shoulder to run that extra mile and train even harder. I know that Shawn Porter is not on my level. I'm coming to fight him in the middle of the ring and I'm going to beat him at his game."

"I'm going to force Danny Garcia to fight me, to be uncomfortable and to do things he's not used to doing in a fight," said Porter. "If Danny comes in being defensive and trying to hold, it may last a while. But if he comes and tries to trade with me and prove something to himself, then it will end fast. I think my style will give him problems and not allow him to pace himself. This is going to be an instant classic and I'm going to win and become champion once again."

Garcia (34-1, 20 KOs) has fought *and defeated* many of the most formidable opponents at 140 and 147-pounds spanning two generations-Erik Morales, Zab Judah, Kendall Holt, Amir Khan, Lucas Matthyse, Paulie Malignaggi and Lamont Peterson among them. Five of his six opponents in the welterweight division were world champions and 11 of his last 15 opponents were world champions or former world champions.

Representing the fighting city of Philadelphia, Garcia has made Brooklyn another home base, drawing big crowds in six fights since the arena opened in 2012 including his triumphs over Morales, Judah, Peterson and Malignaggi and a narrow decision loss to Keith Thurman in a blockbuster world title unification that aired on CBS. The 30-year-old put himself into position to earn back his WBC belt with a highlight-reel knockout of Brandon Rios in a title eliminator February on SHOWTIME.

Porter (28-2-1, 17 KOs) owns victories over four-division champion Adrien Broner and two-division champion Paulie Malignaggi over a career that has seen him develop a reputation as one of the sport's most reliable all-action attractions. He lost a narrow decision to unified welterweight champion Keith Thurman in a 2016 Fight of the Year candidate in Brooklyn but rebounded with two victories last year at Barclays Center. He scored a TKO victory against former welterweight champion Andre Berto in a welterweight title eliminator and followed it up with a 12-round decision over Adrian Granados.

The 30-year-old Porter, who was born in Akron, Ohio and now lives in Las Vegas, will fight at Barclays Center for the fifth time on September 8, including his title-winning performance against Devon Alexander that earned him the IBF title in 2013.

"Danny Garcia vs. Shawn Porter will be an action-packed, can't-miss brawl," said Lou DiBella, President of DiBella Entertainment. "This hugely important matchup is between two of the best welterweights in the world and pressure fighters with pleasing styles. Both Garcia and Porter have shined in memorable battles at Barclays Center and September 8 will be a tremendous night for boxing."

"Danny Garcia against Shawn Porter in a welterweight title fight is a throwback to the era when you had Thomas Hearns battling Roberto Duran," said Tom Brown, President of TGB Promotions. "Their styles are tailor-made to create action in the ring. Porter comes forward and throws punches in bunches and Garcia doesn't back up for anyone. This one will be decided in the center of the ring like all the great welterweight championship matches."

"In 2018 SHOWTIME has delivered the biggest and most meaningful matchups in boxing, and Garcia vs. Porter is no exception," said Stephen Espinoza, President, Sports & Event Programming, Showtime Networks Inc. "This will be our sixth fight this year featuring consensus top-10 welterweights, an unrivaled offering of elite fighters in boxing's glamour division. Danny and Shawn have fought a combined 20 times on SHOWTIME and, along the way, have earned reputations as fighters who never back down from a challenge. I know they are both eager to earn another world title and send a statement to the other champions in the welterweight division."

"I am pleased to welcome both Danny and Shawn back to Barclays Center," said Brett Yormark, CEO of BSE Global. "Both fighters have established a great following in Brooklyn, and September will be their biggest moment yet at Barclays Center. We are the number one venue for boxing, and are proud to host another world-class fight."

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