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***IROQUOIS PROMOTIONS INC. IN ASSOCIATION WITH
SENECA NIAGARA CASINO & HOTEL PRESENTS:***

***“BRAWL IN THE FALLS”
BOXING IS BACK AT SENECA NIAGARA CASINO & HOTEL***

*Featuring the GRANT vs. MARINACCIO NABA Title Fight
And Five Fighters From WNY!*

Tickets on sale

Niagara Falls, NY – **“Big” Michael Grant**, former NABF Champion of Chicago, IL, will attempt to claim the North American Boxing Association (NABA) US Championship heavyweight title when he takes on **Paul “Italian Hit Man” Marinaccio**, one of Western New York’s favorite sons, over 12 rounds on **Saturday November 15 at 7:00 p.m., at Seneca Niagara Casino & Hotel’s Seneca Niagara Events Center.**

The November 15 card is the second boxing event held at Seneca Niagara Casino & Hotel and is presented by Iroquois Promotions in conjunction with X-Cel Worldwide. The event begins at 7:00 p.m. and will feature The Grant-Marinaccio title fight, as well as a six-fight undercard headlined by the 8 round, super middleweight fight featuring two-time WBA world champion **Byron “Slama from Bama” Mitchell** vs. the tough veteran with over sixty fights, **Etienne “E.T.” Whitaker**. A weigh-in event will take place Friday November 14 at 4 p.m.

Grant (43-3, 33 KOs) pounded out a unanimous eight-round decision over streaking Demetrice King in his last outing, while Marinaccio’s (24-3-3, 11 Kos) only losses in the past five years have come to former world champion Chris Byrd and top contender Timur Ibragimov.

Five preliminary fights complete the November 15th card:

- **Adrian “Juanito” Mora** (19-1) vs. **TBA** - 8 rounds, Jr. Welterweights
- **Ross “The Boss” Thompson** of Buffalo, NY, vs. **Jameel “Black Gold” Wilson** of Philadelphia, PA - 6 rounds, Light Heavyweights
- **James Ventry** (6-5) of Buffalo, NY vs. **Jamar “Sandman” Saunders** (1-1) – 4 rounds, Jr. Welterweights
- **Guillermo Sanchez** (4-0) of Buffalo, NY vs. **Harvey “Chi-Chi” Murray** (2-1) of Rochester, NY – 4 rounds, Lightweights
- **Scott Paul** (3-1) vs. **TBA** – 4 rounds, Lightweights

Seneca Gaming Corporation brought boxing back to Western New York on August 31, 2007 to a soldout Seneca Niagara Events Center. The non-televised fight was the first-ever boxing event held at Seneca Niagara Casino & Hotel. The event featured the **Edwards-Hernandez** title fight, as well as a six-fight undercard headlined by welterweight **Mike Jones** and **Martinus Clay**. Boxing debuted in the Seneca Allegany Events Center on March 28, 2008 as part of the “ESPN Friday Night Fights” series. The ESPN-2

televised fight featured the **Ouma-Bundrage** title fight and a six-fight undercard headlined by **Mike Jones** and **Gilbert Venegas**.

"The history of outstanding boxing in Western New York is well known," said Brian Hansberry, President and CEO, Seneca Gaming Corporation. "Seneca Gaming Corporation started a new chapter in that history when we brought championship boxing back to this area last year. We know the legion of boxing fans in the area are excited, and so are we."

"The quality of this boxing card will only add to the reputation Seneca Niagara Casino & Hotel has built as the premier entertainment venue in the region," said Robert E. Victoria, Senior Vice President of Marketing. "The fans in the Seneca Niagara Events Center are going to enjoy intense action from the sound of the opening bell until the last bout is finished, particularly with five fighters from Western New York."

"We've got a terrific night of boxing for the fans at the Seneca Niagara Casino & Hotel on November 15," said revved up promoter Nick Garone. "The main event is a world-class heavyweight showdown that pits the rejuvenated Michael Grant against Marinaccio, a very tough kid, in his own backyard. Michael has shown tremendous improvement from working with Eddie Mustafa Muhammad, but Marinaccio will be there to win at all costs in front of his hometown."

Tickets for the November 15th card, which is being promoted by **Iroquois Promotions, LLC**, and **X-Cel Worldwide** go **on sale WEDNESDAY October 22 at NOON and are priced at \$30, \$55, \$90**. Tickets can be purchased at all [Ticketmaster](#) outlets and at the [Eight Clans Gift Shop](#) at the Seneca Niagara Casino & Hotel. To charge by phone, call 716-852-5000. From Canada, call 416-870-8000.

The Seneca Niagara Events Center is located in Seneca Niagara Casino & Hotel, 310 Fourth Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14304. www.SenecaNiagaraCasino.com 1-877-8SENECA (73-6322).

Editor's Note: Please enter the Seneca Events Center via the Hotel entrance. Media check in will be at the Will Call booth, located down the hall directly to the right as you enter the hotel (past Guest Services and across from the Sky Boutique).

*Please respond to Jillian Fiorella (contact info above) no later than **5 P.M. on Monday November 10th** if a representative from your outlet wishes to review/photograph (please specify) the event. Requests after that time cannot be guaranteed. Thank you for your cooperation.*

Still photographers will be permitted to shoot ringside. Event seating will be provided for writers & reviewers.

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