

GERMAN CHESSBOXING TOURNAMENT STARTS IN BERLIN

Chessboxing World Champion Frank Stoldt defends his title as slumbering Russia awakes!

On 5 July 2008 the nationwide chessboxing tournament 2008/2009 throughout Germany (Hamburg, Cologne, Munich) will be inaugurated in Berlin. The tournament features an Open German Championship in the middleweight division and a World Championship tournament in the light heavyweight division. Totally unrivalled in its division is the top-class entertainment program with surprising musical guests.

Chess Boxing merges two allegedly contradicting sports, both pushing their athletes to the limit, mentally as well as physically. Six lightning rounds of speed chess alternate with five rounds of boxing. In a maximum of eleven rounds, the decision will come either through K.O. or checkmate.

The evening will climax with the fight Frank Stoldt vs. Nikolay Sazhin. Frank Stoldt won the first light heavyweight world championship title in chess boxing after defeating American David Depto (San Francisco) on 9 November 2007 in a dramatic fight. This time he defends his title against 19 year-old Russian Nikolay Sazhin.

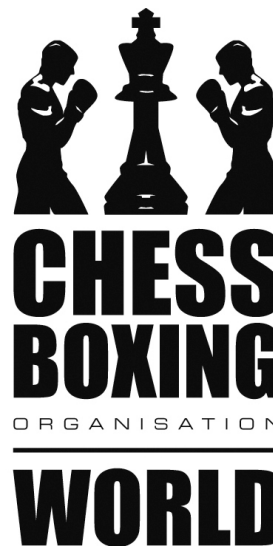
From Krasnojarsk in Siberia, Nikolay Sazhin (19) is 1.83 tall, weighs 85 kg and has shown his talent in more than 60 boxing matches (49/13/0). After seven years at his chess club "Ladia", Nikolay has reached an ELO-rating of 1911 and is considered to be Russia's most promising chessboxing talent.

The coming chessboxing superpower Russia has woken up with a roar! Being a traditional chess nation and having conquered the world of boxing during the last 20 years, Russia now seeks to prove that the world's strongest chessboxers come from Russia, too.

"ANTI TERROR" Frank Stoldt is a 37-year old riot policeman from Berlin, he weighs 84.5 kg and is 1.87 tall. He is a former Berlin Kickboxing Champion and furthermore has 25 boxing bouts behind him. In 2005 he began chessboxing and has since then won every fight. His ELO-rating is 1960. In his capacity as a policeman he went to Kosovo on behalf of the United Nations to train policemen there.

Will experienced Frank Stoldt be able to keep the title in Berlin or will he loose it to the upcoming chessboxing star Nikolay Sazhin?

Ticket sale will start on 5 May 2008. Ticket reservations are possible at tickets@wcbo.org.



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