

# PHILLY BOXING STARS EXPECTED AT 10TH ANNUAL BRISCOE AWARDS

PHILADELPHIA – The 10th Annual Briscoe Awards will be presented tomorrow, Sunday, October 15, 2017, at Xfinity Live! Philadelphia, beginning at 1:00 PM. The event is typically attended by local boxers – past and present, other boxing people, and sports fans. Expected to attend this year are the award winners, Jason Sosa, Jesse Hart, Tevin Farmer, Bernard Hopkins, Damon Allen Jr., Jaron Ennis, Christian Carto, Tyrone Brunson, Dylan Price, and Taneal Goyco.

Additionally, former and current boxing stars like Jeff Chandler, Charles Brewer, Stanley “Kitten” Hayward, Dick Turner, Nate Miller, Charlie “Choo Choo” Brown, Curtis Parker, Mike Everett, Buster Drayton, Jacqui Frazier-Lyde, Ivan Robinson, Mike Rossman, Sidney “Sweat Pea” Adams, Hall of Fame promoter J Russell Peltz, and others typically attend.

Former two-time cruiserweight champion, Steve “USS” Cunningham will serve as the celebrity co-host of the event.

Tickets are available at the door and cost \$5. Xfinity Live! is located at 1100 Pattison Avenue, South Philadelphia.

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Organization, dedicated to preserving and celebrating Philadelphia's great boxing legacy. Past winners at the Briscoe Awards include Bernard Hopkins, Danny Garcia, Steve Cunningham, and many others.

The event returns to Xfinity Live! Philadelphia, the central hub of Philly's sports stadiums, located at 1100 Pattison Avenue in South Philadelphia. Admission is \$5, and tickets can be purchased at the door as well as [BriscoeAwards.com](http://BriscoeAwards.com) or by calling 609-377-6413. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, please call John DiSanto, 609-377-6413 / [johndisanto@phillyboxinghistory.com](mailto:johndisanto@phillyboxinghistory.com).

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## **JASON SOSA NAMED "2016 PHILLY FIGHTER OF THE YEAR"**

PHILADELPHIA – Camden, NJ junior lightweight Jason Sosa, takes home the Briscoe Award as the "2016 Philly Fighter of the Year", on Sunday at the annual awards event presented by Philly Boxing History Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to honoring and celebrating the Philadelphia fight scene – past and present.

Sosa upended the boxing world in 2016 by raising his game to the championship level and pulling off two upsets that few experts gave him the slightest chance of winning.

First, Sosa traveled to China to face WBA champion and heavy betting favorite Javier Fortuna for the WBA belt. Fortuna was

skilled and carried a points lead into round eleven. However, Sosa's "no quit" attitude keeps him in the fight until the very last bell. In the 11th, Sosa shocked Fortuna, and everyone watching, with a TKO victory that made the Camden fighter a world champ.

Five months later, Sosa defended his crown in Monte Carlo against another betting favorite, Stephen Smith of Liverpool. Sosa dropped Smith in the second and kept his title with a unanimous decision.

On the strength and significance of these two victories, Sosa led the pack among all other Philly-based boxers, and earned the biggest award at the 10th Annual Briscoe Awards, which will be presented on Sunday, October 15, 2017, at Xfinity Live! Philadelphia, 1:00 PM.

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# **BRISCOE                      AWARD                      WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

PHILADELPHIA – Philly Boxing History announced the winners of the 10th Annual Briscoe Awards, which will be presented on October 15, 2017, at Xfinity Live! in Philadelphia. The annual event is a celebration of the best accomplishments of the Philly fight scene.

JASON SOSA, who won the WBA world junior lightweight championship and defended it later in the year, was named the “2016 Philly Fighter of the Year”.

The “2016 Philly Fight of the Year” award will go to JESSE HART and DASHON JOHNSON, for their exciting super middleweight 10-rounder. Hart won the decision, but had to come off the floor to do it.

Other Briscoe Award winners include:

TEVIN FARMER – Prospect of the Year

DAMON ALLEN JR. – The One to Watch

JARON ENNIS – Rookie of the Year

DYLAN PRICE – Amateur of the Year

TEVIN FARMER – Performance of the Year (W10 Ivan Redkach)

TYRONE BRUNSON – Knockout of the Year (K04 Carlos Hernandez)

TANEAL GOYCO – Upset of the Year (TK05 Jerry Odom)

BERNARD HOPKINS – Honorary Retirement Award

CHRISTIAN CARTO – Everett Brothers Award

Also one photographer's individual work will be recognized as the "Photo of the Year" in an exhibit and contest held at the live event on October 15th.

Former welterweight contender GIL TURNER, will be named the sixth honoree of Philly Boxing History's Gravestone Program.

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**Video: Jason Sosa talks about his title defense with Stephen Smith**