

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN SIBERIA!

World Champion Nikolay ‘the Chairman’ Sazhin defends his title in a clash of the most talented chessboxers on the planet

On 28th of November 2009 the Siberian Chess Boxing Organization (SCBO) presents Nikolay ‘The Chairman’ Sazhin (Russia) versus Leo ‘Granit’ Kraft (Germany) in a battle for the light-heavyweight world title. Never before have two such talented and highly skilled chessboxers fought in the ring and waged war on the board!

The event in Krasnoyarsk, the incumbent world champion's native city, is the first chessboxing World Championship ever held on Russian soil. The show is presented by the SCBO, in association with the World Chess Boxing Organisation.

Nikolay Sazhin is a 5th year student at the Institute of Space and Information Technology at the Siberian Federal University. His amateur boxing record encompasses 95 bouts with 85 victories and his chess Elo rating is 2005. Sazhin became chessboxing world champion in 2008 by destroying the reigning German champion ‘Anti Terror’ Frank Stoldt in only 5 rounds, at that time he was only 19 years of age!

Leo Kraft, the youngest chessboxer ever to challenge for a world title, comes originally from Gomel in Belarus, but has been adopted by the German Chess Boxing Organisation (GCBO). At only 17 years of age he has an impressive record of 50 amateur boxing bouts and 45 wins. He recently placed 5th at the European junior boxing championships in Sofia (Bulgaria). His Elo Rating is 1997.

Besides the world championship battle, the undercard includes two Siberian Chess Boxing title fights. The after party and show will be headlined by legendary cult rock group Gorky Park; the first Russian band to be aired on MTV!

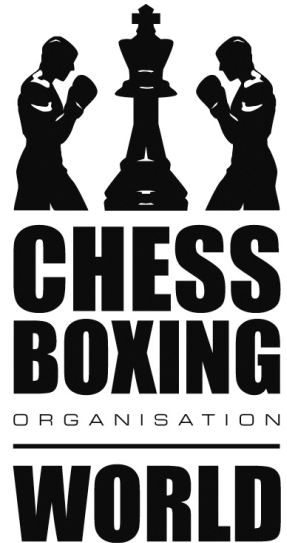
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Time: 5 pm

Place: Ivan Yarygin Palace of Sport, Recreation Island, Krasnoyarsk, Russia

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The basic idea in chessboxing is to combine the #1 thinking sport and the #1 fighting sport into a hybrid that demands the most of its competitors - both mentally and physically. In a chessboxing fight two opponents play alternating rounds of chess and boxing. A contest consists of 11 rounds, 6 rounds of chess (4 minutes each) and 5 rounds of boxing (3 minutes each). The contest starts with a round of chess, followed by a boxing round. In a maximum of 11 rounds the contest is either won by checkmate or K.O. Dutchman Iepe Rubingh invented chessboxing in 2003. In the same year he founded the World Chess Boxing Organisation (WCBO). Since then chessboxing has become a serious sport in numerous countries such as USA, Great Britain, Germany, France and Russia.



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