

## Award winning artist Slone puts Macklin and Martinez on the canvas

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Multi-award winning artist Richard Slone has revealed his latest work, a pre-fight canvas of Matthew Macklin and Sergio Martinez ahead of their eagerly anticipated clash in Madison Square Garden on Saturday. The piece depicting the St. Patrick's Day clash was commissioned by Macklin's manager Brian Peters and Slone relished the opportunity to depict the fight on canvas.

“It was an honor to paint these two gladiators in action. I wanted to capture the ferocity that a championship fight is all about. It’s going to be a great fight that continues the rich history of championship fights at Madison Square Garden.

“I’m thrilled to have been selected to paint the Martinez-Macklin showdown. Fights like this are fun to paint, because both boxers fight with such passion and heart. I try to portray that on canvas and give each viewer a chance to be close to the action and interpret the painting as they see it.”

Speaking on the painting, Brian Peters said, “Richard has painted some of the great fights and fighters in recent years and I think this canvas is a fitting tribute to a fight of this magnitude. For an Irish fighter to headline a major, world title fight at Madison Square Garden on St. Patrick's Day is something very special and I wanted to mark the occasion.”

Slone is the official artist of the International Boxing Hall of Fame and the official cover artist of the RING Magazine. Over the years his art has featured boxing's biggest names including Mike Tyson, Oscar De La Hoya, Manny Pacquiao, Floyd Mayweather amongst other while collectors of his works include Muhammad Ali, Hugh Hefner, Donald Trump and Nelson Mandela - more information can be found at [www.sloneart.com](http://www.sloneart.com)

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