



## **Press Release**

**Floyd Mayweather Jr vs Logan Paul, an exhibition fight and one-of-a-kind event: Germany's Wegerich Collection has acquired the original artwork shown on the official posters for the match**

**6 June 2021: In Miami's Hard Rock Stadium, Youtuber and social media star Logan Paul face off against Floyd Mayweather Jr, the greatest boxer of all time. The two have over 100 million followers on social media between them, more than the entire population of Germany. Germany's Wegerich Fine Art Collection, which specializes in contemporary boxing-related art, has acquired the official original artwork for this mega event, painted by British artist Richard T Slone, who lives in Las Vegas.**

"Bragging rights" is the tagline of this exhibition fight. The world, and especially the social media world, will be watching spellbound this Sunday as Floyd Mayweather Jr and Logan Paul face off at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami before thousands of onlookers. Tickets for this event are out of most people's price range: in late May, one fan paid 87,000 dollars for four ringside tickets at the StubHub ticket exchange and the fight costs around 50 dollars on Pay TV.

These two fighters could not be any more different. Youtuber and influencer Logan Paul has only fought one "professional" boxing match, on 9 November 2019, losing to fellow-Youtuber KSI. Logan Paul is 26 years old, 1.88 meters tall and weighs 189.5 pounds (about 86 kg). His opponent, Floyd Mayweather Jr, is the best boxer of all time, with a record of 50-0, and has been the world champion in five different weight classes, but is now retired from boxing at the age of 44. He is 1.73 meters tall and weighs 155 pounds (a little more than 73 kg).

The two fighters expect to earn 100 million dollars in Pay TV revenues, a figure which is not unrealistic. According to Forbes, Floyd "Money" Mayweather Jr was the highest-paid athlete over the past ten years with 915 million dollars in earnings, well ahead of Ronaldo and Messi. His fight against Manny Pacquiao was seen by 4.6 million Pay TV viewers in the United States alone and his fight against Conor McGregor by 4.3 million. Floyd Mayweather Jr earned 280 million dollars from the McGregor fight alone.

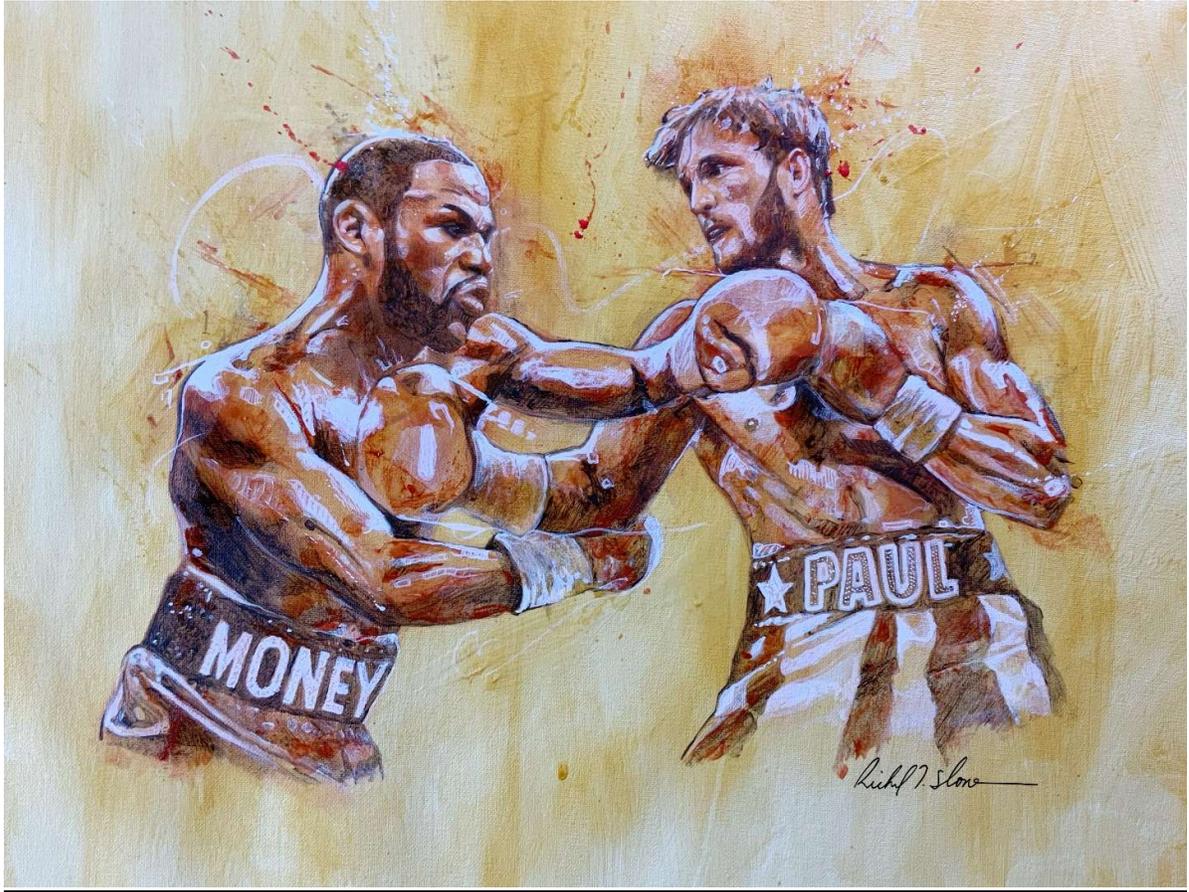
The well-known British painter Richard T Slone, who lives in Las Vegas, has long been the official artist for Floyd Mayweather Jr's fights. Slone painted the official artworks for the high-profile bouts with Pacquiao and McGregor, and served as the official artist for this event as well. Slone was once

a very talented boxer himself, training under the great Joe Frazier, but he ultimately chose a career as an artist over that of a professional boxer. The great Muhammad Ali once praised Slone as the "greatest artist of all time."

"We are very proud that we have been able to acquire the official artwork for this mega-event for Germany's Wegerich Fine Art Collection, which specializes in contemporary boxing-related art. We live in a social media world, and the reach of this match is incredible: the number of followers for this event all over the world is higher than Germany's total population, and we were able to secure the official original artwork. That is fantastic. This piece will create a great deal of interest for our art collection, particularly among young people and in social media, which pleases me greatly," said the collector, Ingo Wegerich.

The Wegerich Fine Art Collection is planning to hold exhibitions once the pandemic is over in an effort to make art and boxing accessible to a broader public. "We are already engaged in promising discussions with major organizers. The level of interest is very high," said Ingo Wegerich.

The parties have agreed not to disclose the purchase price.



### **About the art collection: the Ingo Wegerich Fine Art Collection**

The Ingo Wegerich Fine Art Collection is an art collection specializing in contemporary boxing-related art. What makes this collection unique is that its pieces, all of them originals, are not only of high artistic quality but also have relevance as contemporary history, as they show major historic bouts and fighters who have inspired many. One need think only of the boxing matches in the 1930's, when Joe Louis faced off against Max Schmeling and millions of people sat in front of their radio sets following the match. Many of the originals were also featured on the covers of international boxing magazines or on the official programs for the fights. In other words, these pieces not only tell a story, but are themselves contemporary history. The collection is one of the most extensive of its kind and includes artwork from the 1930's to the present. Many of the more recent pieces were signed by the fighters themselves, in some cases right after the fights they portray, making them even more historic and valuable.

### **About the artist – Richard T Slone**

British artist Richard T Slone was born in 1974 and is a longtime resident of Las Vegas, Nevada. Slone has been painting the world's greatest boxers over the past 24 years for the International Boxing Hall of Fame, and he is asked to create the cover art for the official programs of nearly every major boxing match. He has been the official artist for major boxing matches such as Mayweather vs. Pacquiao, Mayweather vs. McGregor and Canelo vs Golovkin. But Slone's work is not limited to boxing: he was also the official artist for the South African national team in the 2010 World Cup. In addition to his sports art, Slone is also known for his wildlife paintings. His clients include international corporations and famous celebrities.

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