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RISEN: THE HOWARD WINSTONE PHENOMENON

DRAGONS MIX WITH WORLD CHAMPIONS!

Enzo Maccarinelli, the current WBU World Cruiserweight Boxing Champion, has joined the growing cast list of 'Risen' to take the role of another boxing legend; Eddie Avoth!

Enzo will be fighting this July at the Millenium Stadium, and has already created a fearsome reputation for himself inside the ring. Outside however, he is a gentle giant; "I'm very much a family orientated person, and I enjoy giving back to the community where I can, I think it's important for us all to take responsibility for those around us, and when we can give a little back." Enzo currently coaches young boxers in Swansea with his father, "helping keep kids of street corners and the cider!"

Enzo's is not the only new face to join the team however, top post production facility Dragon DI has also come on board the project, and are currently working on a brand new special effect for the film. The film's star, Stuart Brennan, explains:

"We've been working with Dragon DI to create a new effect where we will actually see on screen the boxers eye swell and close during the fight, this has never been done before, and I think everyone is very excited by the possibilities it will open to us, in our quest to make the most realistic boxing film of all time." Stuart also joked; "I don't know how much work it will take, as Enzo is the guy hitting me, they might not need any effects at all, he's an awesome puncher!"

Two well known TV companies have made approaches to follow Stuart as he trains and prepares for the role, and do weekly broadcasts of how he's getting on.

The film's director Neil Jones, originally from Merthyr where much of the film is set, is feeling very positive about the way the film is coming along; "this film is growing daily, the amount of talented names who are coming forward to get involved is really remarkable, we will be announcing these names in the next few weeks, but at the moment all I can say is that Merthyr is going to look more like Hollywood than the Welsh Valleys this summer!"

Dragon DI are a brand new, cutting edge digital facility who are bringing the very latest digital techniques for film post production to Wales. Not only will they help to edit and finish the film, but they will also help to re-create a '1960's' South Wales. Managing Director of Dragon DI Tony Ray was very excited about the project: "One of our tasks will be to physically recreate an authentic sixties environment by removing modern buildings and developments and so on, and also by digitally reinstating slagheaps and pitheads that have now disappeared. However, we will also be looking to create a genuine sixties 'look' to the movie, by manipulating the colour and texture of the film to create a sixties feel." Dragon DI (for 'Digital Intermediate') have invested more than £2 million in creating a digital film post production facility, the like of which doesn't exist anywhere else in the UK outside London, and The Howard Winstone' story will be one of the first films to benefit from their expertise.

Camera's are set to roll on the new film on August 1st, with filming set to take place in Merthyr and Cardiff.

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