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**Gladius Fights VII – Mixed Martial Arts coming to Syracuse, NY  
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GLADIUS ANNOUNCES: Gladius Fights VII

**SYRACUSE, NY** – New York’s premiere mixed martial arts (MMA) promotion, Gladius Fights, will host a sanctioned MMA fight in downtown Syracuse on Saturday, September 14, 2013 at the Crouse Hinds Theater at The Oncenter Civic Center Theaters.

Gladius Promotions has put on several events in upstate New York and across the North East with an overwhelming positive response from fans.

“We are very excited to host an event at this venue (Crouse Hinds Theater). The venue and their production quality takes the already successful Gladius Fights to a whole new level. This is really going to raise the bar for amateur MMA in NY and the fans and fighters will be able share in this experience.” says President of Gladius Fights, Ryan Ciotoli.

While the fight card is still being constructed, Gladius has announced four highly anticipated title fights, including the main event between Syracuse native Luay Ashkar and Dustin Bertch (Jamestown, NY) for the 125lb title. Returning champion, Anthony Jerome (Dryden, NY), will take on Michael Karam (Utica, NY) for the 135lb title while Fulton NY fan favorite Doug Miller will take on Josh Mayville (Palmyra, NY) for the 155lb belt. The final battle for the 170lb belt will be between Rochester fighter Toren Reaves and Alex Henry (Ithaca, NY).

“This is the best fight card yet. With four title fights featuring strong local talent including Anthony Jerome defending his belt against vs Michael Karam” states Dave MacLean, Gladius Promotions Matchmaker.

This will be the first event of its kind at The Oncenter’s Crouse Hinds Theater. With theater style seating holding 2,100 fans there will be no bad seat in the house. Gladius will also host live weigh- ins the night before the event which will be free and open to the public. Location will be announced soon.

Tickets to the show are on sale now, starting at \$35 and front row seating for \$50; VIP cage side tables and private box seats are also available. To purchase tickets, go to the ticket section on [www.gladiuspromotions.com](http://www.gladiuspromotions.com). Check back at [www.gladiuspromotions.com](http://www.gladiuspromotions.com) and [Facebook.com/gladiusfights](https://www.facebook.com/gladiusfights) for evolving fight details, weigh in time and location.

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About The Oncenter: The Oncenter, a SMG managed facility, is a multi-venue exhibition, convention and entertainment facility in Syracuse, N.Y. It is centrally located in the Northeast to attract both regional and national events that contribute to the economic and cultural development of Onondaga County. The Oncenter Convention Center at is a 99,000-square-foot structure ideal for major conventions, meetings, banquets, consumer shows, trade shows, car shows, exhibitions and corporate awards dinners. The space includes exhibition halls, a ballroom and break-out meeting rooms. Next door, The Oncenter War Memorial Arena has the versatility to accommodate numerous large-scale events, including ice shows, family shows, car shows, concerts, sports events and conventions. The Oncenter Civic Center Theaters is home to three beautiful, distinct theaters that host a diverse variety of events, from stage productions to business meetings. For more information, visit [www.oncenter.org](http://www.oncenter.org).

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About Gladius Promotion: Gladius Promotions is New York's Premiere Mixed Martial Arts promotion. Gladius hosts high caliber events through out Western New York and surrounding states by bringing in top fighters to great venues, giving fans an elite sporting experience. Headquarters are based out of Ithaca, NY with representatives in Syracuse and Rochester. Visit: [www.gladiuspromotions.com](http://www.gladiuspromotions.com)

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