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## **MMA RETURNS TO MYSTIC LAKE WITH LFA 41 ON JUNE 1 Tickets On Sale Now**

PRIOR LAKE – April 11, 2018 – Legacy Fighting Alliance (LFA) CEO Ed Soares announced today that LFA will return to Minnesota on the first day of June with a lightweight showdown between the final RFA lightweight champion and a surging upset artist.

The main event of LFA 41 will feature the return of the final RFA lightweight champion Thiago Moisés when he faces the division's biggest upset machine Jeff "The Administrator" Peterson. LFA 41 - Moisés vs. Peterson takes place Friday, June 1 at the Minnetonka Ballroom inside the new Mystic Lake Center in Prior Lake, Minnesota. The entire main card will be televised live and nationwide on AXS TV at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT.

"I am excited to bring LFA back to the Minnetonka Ballroom inside the state-of-the art Mystic Lake Center," stated Soares. "We brought four LFA events to Mystic Lake last year. LFA 41 will be the second of four live nationally televised MMA events to take place inside Mystic Lake's new world-class facility in 2018. Mystic Lake has been a great partner and will now host the return of Thiago Moisés when he faces Jeff Peterson on June 1."

Moisés (9-2) recently turned 23 years old, but has long been considered one of the most exciting lightweight prospects in the world. The Brazilian dynamo submitted Javon Wright in his RFA debut at RFA 28. The win earned Moisés a shot at RFA gold in his next outing at RFA 35. Moisés used this opportunity to secure one of the most memorable submission wins in MMA history. He executed an electrifying and ultra-rare Helicopter Armbar to submit David Castillo. The submission made him the second youngest champion in RFA history, went viral on the internet, and earned him a nominee for "Submission of the Year" at the annual World MMA Awards.

Moisés then defended his RFA lightweight title twice. The first title defense came against Jamall Emmers at RFA 38. The win came with UFC President Dana White sitting cageside and was featured on the seventh episode of *Dana White: Lookin' for a Fight*. The second title defense came against Zach Freeman in Freeman's hometown at RFA 44. During that fight, Moisés broke his hand. The American Top Team product still managed to cruise to a Unanimous Decision victory, but he missed nearly a year of action waiting for his surgically repaired hand to heal. Moisés then re-injured his hand vying for the inaugural LFA lightweight title last summer at LFA 17. Now the BJJ black belt is back and ready to remind the world, that when he is at 100%, he is the top lightweight prospect in the world.

Peterson (9-4) is currently riding an impressive six-fight win streak and hasn't tasted defeat in over three years. However, the Alliance MMA product really started to make a name for himself last year after signing with LFA. Peterson did this by winning all three of his fights for the promotion against heavily favored opposition. The first win came against top undefeated prospect Bobby Lee via Unanimous Decision at LFA 12. The second win came against local fan favorite Brandon Jenkins via Split Decision at LFA 20. The third and biggest win came against longtime Bellator star and fellow U.S. Marine Mike Richman via Unanimous Decision in the co-main event of LFA 29.

Now the 28-year-old known as "The Administrator" will be looking to add the final RFA lightweight champion to his list of upsets. This is the next necessary step he will need to take if the Peterson regime plans on taking over as the new ruling administration atop the LFA lightweight division. He has gotten to this point by defying the odds. Peterson has administered his rugged, no-nonsense style of fighting to upset an undefeated prospect, a local favorite and a popular vet. Now he will up the ante by facing his biggest test to date. When the opening betting odds are released for this fight, expect Peterson to once again be the underdog. He wouldn't want it any other way. That is where he thrives. A devil dog, seen as an underdog, in a prime time headlining fight is a scary thing. Oorah.

### **Currently Announced Main Card (Televised on AXS TV at 9 p.m. ET / 6 p.m. PT):**

#### Main Event | Lightweight Bout (155 lb)

- Thiago Moisés (9-2) vs. Jeff Peterson (9-4)

#### Co-Main Event | Lightweight Bout (155 lb)

- Killys Mota (10-0) vs. Bobby Lee (8-1)

#### Featherweight Bout (145 lb)

- Nate Jennerman (11-3) vs. Kevin Croom (18-8)

#### Welterweight Bout (170 lb)

- Ben Neumann (12-5) vs. Bobby Cooper (14-7)

#### Bantamweight Bout (135 lb)

- Raufeon Stots (9-1) vs. Emeka Ifekandu (6-0)

In September 2016, RFA and Legacy FC officials announced that they would be merging to form LFA. This new powerhouse promotion would serve as the premier developmental organization in the sport of Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) starting in January 2017. RFA and Legacy FC have launched the careers of over 130 athletes that have reached the pinnacle of MMA by competing in the UFC.

LFA 41 will be the seventh LFA event to take place in the state of Minnesota. RFA and Legacy FC hosted a combined nine events in the "Land of 10,000 Lakes" before the merger. Six of those events took place under the RFA banner inside the Mystic Lake. The entire main card of LFA 41 will be televised live and nationwide on AXS TV at 9 p.m. ET/6 p.m. PT.

Please visit [LFAfighting.com](http://LFAfighting.com) for bout updates and information.

### **TICKET INFORMATION**

Tickets to see LFA 41 at 5 pm Friday, June 1 in Mystic Lake Center are available for \$40, \$60, \$100 and \$125. Contact the Mystic Box Office at 952-496-6563 or visit [mysticlake.com](http://mysticlake.com) for more details.

<b>Event:</b>	LFA 41
<b>Date:</b>	Friday, June 1
<b>Time:</b>	5 pm Doors
<b>Place:</b>	Mystic Lake Center
<b>Tickets:</b>	\$40, \$60, \$100 & \$125

**Sale Date:** On Sale Now

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**About LFA:**

LFA is a professional Mixed Martial Arts promotion that gives rising stars and top contenders the opportunity to prove their talent to fans and leaders in the industry. LFA was formed by the powerhouse merger between RFA and Legacy FC. LFA presents live Mixed Martial Arts events on a monthly basis around the United States including Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Denver, Dallas, and Houston. LFA can be seen live in over 48 million homes nationally through its television deal with AXS TV. Based in Houston, TX, LFA is one of the most active and respected MMA organizations in the fastest growing sport in the world. (The Octagon, Ultimate Fighting Championship®, UFC® and the eight-sided competition mat and cage design are registered trademarks owned exclusively by Zuffa, LLC. All rights reserved).

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