

Ultimate Champion Biographies

Stephan "American Psycho" Bonnar

In the summer of 2004 Stephan was chosen to be a cast member of Spike TV's "The Ultimate Fighter." He went on to fight in the finale against Forrest Griffin, a fight which many describe as the greatest in UFC history and one of the most important moments in MMA, propelling it to stratospheric heights.

Daniel Bernhardt

Daniel has appeared in a number of martial arts films including *Bloodsport 2, 3, and 4* (in which he replaced actor and martial artist Jean-Claude Van Damme), and had a supporting role in the box office hit *The Matrix Reloaded*, the second of *The Matrix* trilogy, as Agent Johnson.

Leila Arcieri

Arcieri was crowned "Miss San Francisco" in the 1997 Miss California Pageant and was later a spokesmodel for Coors Lite Beer. Leila has appeared in many films such as *xXx*, *Wild Things 2*, and *Daddy Day Care*. In 2005, she was voted #65 on Maxim Magazine's Hot 100 list.

Marieh Delfino

Marieh Delfino starred in the blockbuster *Jeepers Creepers 2*, *National Lampoon's Dorm Daze* and the critically acclaimed *Auto Focus*. Marieh also starred on TV in David E. Kelley's "Boston Public."

Igor Jjijkine

Igor has worked with noted directors including: Steven Spielberg in *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*; Clint Eastwood in *Bloodwork*; and J. J. Abrams in "Alias." Igor has also appeared in Cirque du Soleil's "Mystère" in Las Vegas.

Ted Fox

Ted Fox has financed, written, produced, directed, acted and marketed numerous distinguished motion pictures—from the extremely successful family films *Little Cobras: Operation Dalmatian* and *Monkey Business*, to the haunting, gritty action movie *Dark Nova*, and the darkly funny *Deadfall*, starring Nicolas Cage, Charlie Sheen, Peter Fonda and James Coburn—a movie featuring seven Academy Award, Golden Globe and Emmy winners.

Some of Ted's other titles include the horror film *Soulmates*, the thriller *Quick and Easy* and the dark romance *Love is Like That* starring Tom Sizemore.

Ted Fox was nominated for International Critics Week Competition at the 1991 Cannes Film Festival for his *Liquid Dreams*, and is in continuous demand as a creative producer on film and television projects.

Ted has just completed financing, writing, producing, directing, acting and marketing *Ultimate Champion*, the first of several films planned under his **Ultimate Action** banner. Production of the next installment of this franchise begins in January 2009.

Ted has also lectured on entertainment finance for Harvard Business School.

George Saunders

George is a writer with over 20 movies produced, many for the Lifetime Channel.

Rich Styles

Rich was the President of Production for D.S.I. Productions and he was the Head of Film Production and Development for Sunset Films International. Rich has been involved in the production of 10 movies in various capacities, including writing, directing and producing. His most recent work is *Ultimate Champion* which he co-produced with Ted Fox. Rich's next two projects include *The Unknown*, and *Hybrid*.

Sean "Muscle Shark" Sherk

Japanese fans gave him the nickname "Muscle Shark." In October of 2006 he defeated Kenny "Kenflo" Florian to become the UFC Lightweight World Champion.

Gilbert "El Niño" Melendez

Gilbert defeated Clay Guida in 2006 for the Strikeforce Crown and he has appeared on several best "pound for pound" fighters lists.

Oleg "Russian Bear" Taktarov

Oleg won UFC 6 by defeating David "The Tank" Abbot in the final match. In 2001 Taktarov appeared with Robert De Niro in *15 Minutes* and has also been in *Bad Boys II*, *Rollerball* and *National Treasure*.

Travis "Serial Killer" Lutter

Travis won Spike's TV reality show "The Ultimate Fighter" Season IV and has appeared in *American Bad Ass*. He has also appeared in many magazines and articles including "Ultimate Grappling," "FHM," and "Combat Sports."

Jason "The Punisher" Lambert

Jason is a UFC fighter who had a six fight win streak between 2004 and 2006.

"African Assassin" Sokoudjou

Sokoudjou was the 2001 US Open Judo champion. At PRIDE 33, Sokoudjou defeated Antonio Rogerio Nogueira via KO in 23 seconds. This fight stands out amongst fans because Sokoudjou was a 16 to 1 underdog. He is currently under contract with the UFC.

"Judo" Gene LeBell

"Judo" Gene LeBell won the National AAU Heavyweight Judo Championship and the USA Overall Judo Championship back to back. He was a Professional Wrestling World Heavyweight Champion at a time when wrestling was more about survival than show business.

He was there during the "Golden Years" of martial arts growth in the U.S. and shares intimate experiences with legends like Sugar Ray Robinson, Muhammad Ali, Elvis Presley, Ed Parker, Bruce Lee, "Andre The Giant," Lou Thesz, Hulk Hogan, George "Superman" Reeves, Burt Reynolds, Chuck Norris and many others.

Gene has appeared in more than 1,000 movies and TV shows. Gene is considered one of the greatest martial artists of all time, in addition to being a teacher of champions. He has taught grappling to such greats as Bruce Lee, Chuck Norris, Benny "The Jet" Urquidez, Gokor Chivichyan, Bob Wall, Ed Parker, Hayward Nishioka, and Bill "Superfoot" Wallace just to name a few.

Matt Sorum

Matt Sorum is a Grammy Award winning musician who was part of Guns n' Roses and is currently part of Velvet Revolver as well as Camp Freddy. Matt produced three songs for *Ultimate Champion*.