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## Former Champions Cedric McMillan, Dexter Jackson, Dennis Wolf Highlight 30th Anniversary Field at 2018 Arnold Classic

COLUMBUS, Ohio – **Cedric McMillan**, who won the 2017 **Arnold Classic** for the biggest victory of his professional career, is one of three former Arnold Classic champions who will do battle at the prestigious contest that celebrates its 30th Anniversary at the 2018 Arnold Sports Festival.

The 2018 Arnold Sports Festival will feature IFBB Pro League contests in a record nine divisions, including Arnold Classic Physique for the first time.

McMillan, five-time champion **Dexter Jackson** and 2014 champion **Dennis Wolf** lead a field of 14 professional bodybuilders who will take the stage in Columbus, Ohio for the 30th Annual Arnold Classic on March 3, 2018. Jackson won the Arnold Classic in 2005, 2006, 2008, 2013 and 2015 and holds the event's record with five titles, one more than Flex Wheeler.

In the **Arnold Classic 212**, 2017 runner-up **David Henry** and 2015 champion **Jose Raymond** headline a field of the seven who will vie for the title. Henry and Raymond, third in Columbus a year ago, will be challenged by **Guy Cisternino Jr.**, fourth here in 2017, and **Hadi Choopan**, a rising star who finished second to McMillan in the open division at the San Marino Pro in late November.

A new champion will be crowned in the **Fitness International** with the retirement of four-time champion Oksana Grishina. Most of the top competitors from 2017 return in March, including runner-up **Regiane Da Silva**, third-place finisher **Whitney Jones** and **Bethany Wagner**, who was fourth a year ago.

**Candice Lewis-Carter** returns to defend her title in the **Figure International**. Also expected to challenge are **Cydney Gillon**, the current Figure Olympia winner who finished second here in 2017, and **Heather Dees**, who was sixth in Columbus a year ago.

**Angelica Teixeira** will defend her title in the **Bikini International**. Challengers include 2017 third-place finisher **Jennifer Ronzitti** and **Janet Layug**, who was fourth here a year ago.

Two-time champion **Harold Kelley** will try to make it a three-peat in **Arnold Classic Pro Wheelchair**.

**Arnold Classic Physique**, **Arnold Men's Physique** and **Women's Physique International** will feature competitions open to any IFBB Pro League athlete who finished in the top 10 in an IFBB Pro League contest in the past two years. Visit [www.arnoldsportsfestival.com](http://www.arnoldsportsfestival.com) for the complete competitor lists.

The Arnold Classic 212, Arnold Classic Physique, Fitness International, Figure International and Women's Physique International will be held on Friday, March 2, 2018; while the Arnold Classic, Arnold Men's Physique, Arnold Classic Pro Wheelchair and Bikini International will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2018.

**2018 Arnold Classic, Arnold Classic 212, Arnold Classic Pro Wheelchair, Fitness International, Figure International, Bikini International Official Invite Lists:**

<b><u>Arnold Classic (14)</u></b>	<b><u>Arnold Classic 212 (7)</u></b>	<b><u>Arnold Classic Pro Wheelchair (10)</u></b>
Lionel Beyeke	Paul Poloczek	Hadi Choopan
William Bonac	Shawn Rhoden	Gaetano Cisternino Jr.
Maxx Charles	Luis Rodriguez	Charles Dixon
Jonathan De La Rosa	Fred Smalls	David Henry
Dexter Jackson	Roelly Winklaar	Kyung Won Kang
Steve Kuco	Dennis Wolf	Jose Raymond
Cedric McMillan	Hidetada Yamagishi	Samir Troudi
		Gabriele Andriulli
		Reggie Bennett
		Adelfo Cerame Jr.
		Joshua Foster
		Harold Kelley
		Antoni Khadraoui
		Steven Lister
		Daniel Minster
		Johnny Quinn
		Kyle Roberts

<b><u>Fitness International (13)</u></b>	<b><u>Figure International (13)</u></b>	<b><u>Bikini International (19)</u></b>
Tiffany Chandler	Maria Luisa Baeza Diaz	Romina Basauldo
Regiane Da Silva	Brittany Campbell	Tawnya Eubanks
Kristine Duba	Heather Dees	Margret Gnarr
Kate Errington	Cydney Gillon	Tamara Haddad
Ryall Graber	Sandra Grajales	Ashley Kaltwasser
Whitney Jones	Stephanie Hammermeister	Janet Layug
Sally Kendall-Williams	Ivana Ivusic	Sheena Martin
Ariel Khadr	Candice Lewis-Carter	Breana Martinez
Becca Sizemore	Laurelle Martineau	Justine Munro
Missy Terwilliger	Michele Silva	Katya Nosova
Aurika Tyrgale	Natalia Soltero	Frida Paulsen Stern
Bethany Wagner	Carly Starling-Horrell	Elisa Pecini
Derina Wilson	Bojana Vasiljevic	Camile Periat
		Jessica Renee
		Jennifer Ronzitti
		Casey Samsel
		Angelica Teixeira
		Ruth Wood
		Elizabeth Yisrael

The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Arnold Classic, Arnold Classic 212, Arnold Classic Physique, Arnold Men's Physique, Fitness International, Figure International, Bikini International, Women's Physique International and Arnold Classic Pro Wheelchair contests will be held March 2-3, 2018 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio. Visit [www.ticketmaster.com/arnold](http://www.ticketmaster.com/arnold) or 800-745-3000 for ticket information. VIP Ticket Packages and individual event tickets are available.

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