



# 2018 North East Open

## Martial Arts Competition & Showcase

*August 11th 2018 \* Albany Capital Center, Albany NY*

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Dear Instructors, Athletes, Parents and Friends,

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to the 12th Annual North East Open Tournament & Showcase to be held on August 11th 2018 at the Albany Capital Center in Albany, NY.

I am very excited to now be in our twelfth year! Last year's event had record positive feedback after we celebrated our eleventh year in a brand new larger venue, and will be returning to the Albany Capital Center this year! The Albany Capital Center offers the NEO a 3x larger competition space than our first ten years, allowing us to run more rings, more competitors simultaneously, and ultimately deliver a SHORTER DAY for everyone! Not to mention the new building is beautiful and state of the art!

The event will continue to bring together athletes of different training backgrounds. Rather than offering a competition with the attitude of "finding out who is best," the goal of our tournament is to open up competitors' eyes to the beauty and strength of all different styles of martial arts.

Since its inception in 2007, the North East Open has established itself as a premier showcase of Martial Arts talent in the Northeastern United States by developing a unique tournament atmosphere which focuses on celebration instead of competition. The NEO is committed to Martial Arts excellence, camaraderie, sportsmanship, and cultural enlightenment. The NEO strives to be the annual event for enthusiasts of traditional and sport Martial Arts to meet, network and create lasting friendships.

It is my goal to continue to make this an event that brings together the martial arts community, and to bring the regions most anticipated annual Martial Arts event to new heights by improving every year! Schools, students and instructors from all styles and backgrounds can come together and meet and share with one another in a full day of martial art festivities, competition, demonstrations, camaraderie & networking.

Competition events will include traditional, creative, extreme and team forms & weapons, self-defense, sparring, demonstration team competition, open and power breaking. The breaking events will be sanctioned by the United States Breaking Association and the World Breaking Association.

With your support & participation, the North East Open will continue to grow to be one of the largest and best events on the east coast. I sincerely hope that you will be able to participate and help us to make this truly a celebration, with a gathering of the regions finest martial artists. If you have any further questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to call or email. Looking forward to seeing you at the North East Open.

Sincerely,

Adam Grogin