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# Press Release

## **FORMER LIONS DEFENSIVE BACK MARK WASHINGTON WILL MENTOR YOUTH AT LANGLEY INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL**

**LANGLEY, BC – AUGUST 15, 2008** Mark Washington, former BC Lions defensive back and now member of the club's coaching staff, will make a speech to mentor and inspire youth at Langley's International Festival (LIF) August 23. Washington's visit will be a highlight in the Youth Zone, a new initiative this year.

LIF Coordinator Shar Dubas says that the Youth Zone is a place where youth are welcomed. It's a place where they can 'hang out', meet existing friends, or make new friends, all in a cultural environment. "The Youth Zone is to encourage youth and demonstrate that they are doing a lot of positive things within our community as the leaders of tomorrow. Given the trust, our youth will show that they are very capable of taking on new projects, can be responsible, and have a lot of ideas, energy and enthusiasm to share. It has been my pleasure to meet and work alongside so many wonderful youth within our community on this new initiative. This year, the Festival will feature a Youth Stage showcasing multicultural and versatile youth in performing arts in music, dance, song, and demonstrations.

### LANGLEY'S INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL YOUTH STAGE SCHEDULE

11:00	Boshmingro Group
11:30	Flip City
12:00	Polynesian Dancers
12:30	CLAP
1:00	Tae Kwon Do
1:30	Indo Group
2:00	Boshmingro Group
2:30	Katrina's Brother's Band
3:00	Israeli Dancers
3:30	CLAP
4:00	Christine
4:30	Yesterday's Forgotten
5:00	Classical Music – Chamber Music Society of the Fraser Valley
5:30	Swing Dancing
6:00	Back to School & 2010 SportsWear Fashion Show – sponsored by The Bay and Modella Ent.

In addition to the Youth Stage, the following members from the Langley will be at the Youth Zone: Langley Chiefs, Trinity Western University – Spartan Athletics, LOVE & Chamber Music Society of the Fraser Valley, Starbucks & Bistro, Mask Making with Eagle Cloud, and Paintball - Inter-active Demonstration

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