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Grey Cup returns to British Columbia for Royal BC Museum visit

VICTORIA, BC – In 2005, BC hosted the Grey Cup game. In 2006, the BC Lions won the Grey Cup; in 2007, they had to let it go. This summer, Earl Grey's famed trophy returns to British Columbia – this time at the Royal BC Museum (RBCM).

On Saturday, Aug. 23, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the 99-year-old trophy will be on display in the museum lobby. Accompanying the Canadian Football League's coveted cup will be Victoria's Dave Cutler, considered by many to be the greatest field goal kicker in the history of the CFL. With six Grey Cup rings to his name, this 16-year Edmonton Eskimo veteran (1969-84) was inducted into the Canadian Football Hall of Fame in 1998.

Cutler's talk and Q&A session about his CFL career begins at 11:30 a.m.

"It's going to be an exciting day for sports fans," says RBCM CEO Pauline Rafferty. "Not only do we have a famous football player on the roster, we have two former world champion martial artists coming as well. It's a day to celebrate sports from around the world."

The event kicks off with a half-hour of sports-related storytelling by Puente Theatre (10 – 10:30 a.m.). Later, Victoria's OMAC Martial Wellness presents karate, kobudo and Xtreme martial arts demonstrations, featuring four-time world champion Roxanna Feraru, and two-time world champ Jocelyn Van der Geest (11 a.m. and noon).

This celebration of international sport is the fifth instalment in a monthly series titled *From the World to BC*, hosted in Clifford Carl Hall at the RBCM. Events are free.

From the World to BC is just one of the special events being staged throughout the year as part of *Free Spirit: Stories of You, Me and BC* – a Royal BC Museum project designed to celebrate the 150th anniversary of British Columbia as a Crown Colony.

The Royal BC Museum, a provincial crown corporation, collects, preserves and interprets artifacts, specimens and documents that tell the story of British Columbia. As the provincial museum and archives, the RBCM proudly shares that story with the world through its research, collections, exhibitions and public programs.

For more information on the Royal BC Museum's latest activities, events and exhibitions, visit www.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca or call 1-888-447-7977.

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