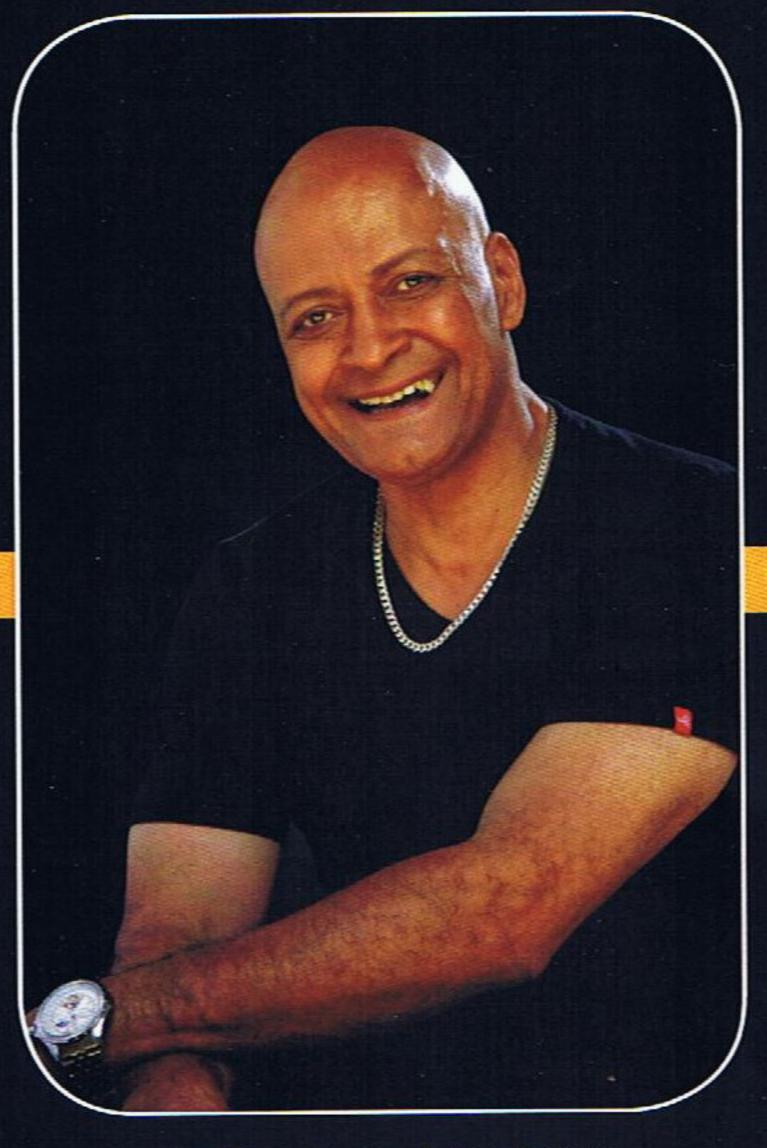
KEYNOTE SPEAKER



SPIDER JONES

Spider is an award-winning journalist in music and boxing. However, he is most admired for his work with youth and his inspirational life story, "Out of the Darkness". Spider will share with students how he went from being an impoverished 15-year-old dropout in Detroit to becoming an honours student at 30. This inspirational speaker will help youth see there is no glamour in crime. Using personal stories, he will discuss the influences and consequences of bad choices and the importance of making good choices. He will focus on the power of mentors and help young people recognize the positive mentors that are in plain sight every day.