

Who is Dayani Cristal?

Friday, April 28th

6:30 - 8:30 pm

**American Stage Stage Theater Company
163 3rd Street N, St. Petersburg 33701**

In the blistering Sonoran desert, Arizona border police discover a decomposing male body. Lifting a tattered t-shirt, they expose a tattoo that reads "Dayani Cristal."

In an attempt to discover who this person was, why he died, and who/what was "Dayani Cristal," the documentary team--director Marc Silver and actor/activist Gael Garcia Bernal--follow the migrant trail from Central America to the United States, embedding themselves with migrant travelers making their way north.

In the process, we are given rare insight into the human stories behind immigration, the dangers they face, their motivations, hopes, and fears. ***Who is Dayani Cristal?*** is the winner of the Sundance 2013 Cinematography Award and nominated for the World Documentary Competition.

The film will be preceded by a special prescreening of ***I Look Ahead***, a 13 minute short, and a post-film discussion with human rights lawyer Azadeh Shahshani.



Azadeh Shahshani is Legal & Advocacy Director for Project South and has worked for a number of years in the Southeast to protect the human rights of immigrants and Muslim, Middle Eastern, and South Asian communities. She previously served as National Security/Immigrants' Rights Project Director with the ACLU of Georgia and is a past president of the National Lawyers Guild. Shahshani is the recipient of several prestigious awards for human rights advocacy, and is the author or editor of several human rights reports including a 2012 report titled ***Prisons of Profits: Immigrants and Detention in Georgia*** as well as law review articles and book chapters focused on racial profiling, immigrants' rights, and surveillance of Muslim-Americans.

