

## ABOUT THE SHOW

## THE GUIDE!

Dreamers is a story about perseverance and hope. In a border state like Arizona, Dreamers is so relevant because we see these issues unfolding right before our eyes. The story is about one journey of a mother and child as they navigate the complicated environment of a new life in a new city, that often times, reminds them of their otherness.

With the love of each other and the power of creativity, words and lucha, this family creates a whole new world of possibilities that allows them to continue to dream of a new future for themselves.

The story moves back and forth between the world of the artist and the world of her story as she reveals and recalls how she (and baby!) gained a foothold in a new country (through reading/learning the language) and established her voice as a storyteller.

The play is also a love letter to the artist and activist mothers of the world. Thank you for your wisdom and strength.

- Ricky, Anya, Rachel, Rudy and Jenny



## THE TEAM

Dreamers

From the book by Yuri Morales

Adapted by: Ricky Araiza

Performed by Anya Hernandez

Directed by Ricky Araiza

Production/Stage Manager and Sound: Rachel Solis

Technical Director: Anthony Lee

Media Designer: Rodolfo Marron III

Music by Marc David Pinate

## DISCUSS

- ★ What dreams do you have for your life? What is your hope for your future?
- ★ Have you ever been in a place that you were unfamiliar with? What happened? How did it make you feel?
- ★ We all have gifts to share with the world. What gifts did the mother and son bring from their culture to share in their new home?
- ★ What did the library do for the mother and her son? Why did she call this a place of amor (love)?
- ★ What does it mean to make our voices heard? How can we effect change in our community?

**Discover  
More  
Dreamers!**

**Deepen your play experience with a virtual workshop led by the actor from the show! Email: [SDolensMoon@childsplayaz.org](mailto:SDolensMoon@childsplayaz.org) for more details.**

## EXPLORE

### Perseverance Profile

Dreamers is an adaptation of the picture book of the same title by Yuri Morales. The book is based on the true story of the perseverance and determination demonstrated by Morales and her young son navigating a new life as immigrants in the United States. Real stories of the perseverance are all around us.

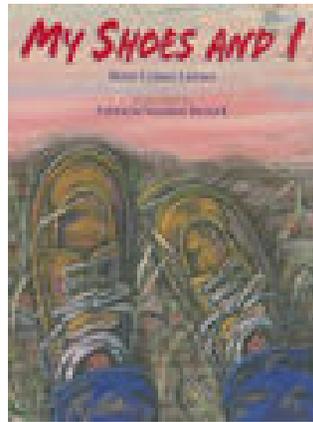
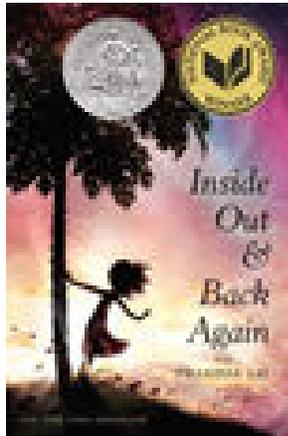
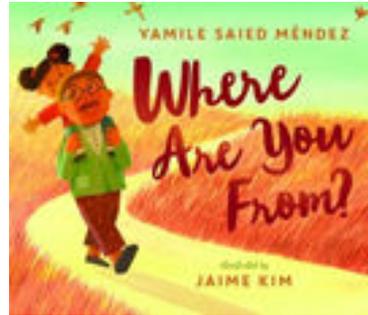
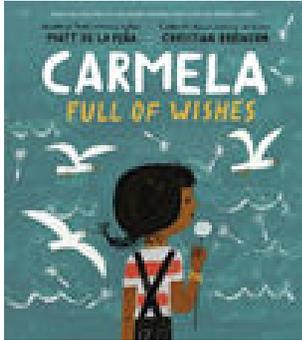
In this activity, you will conduct an interview with an individual who overcame an obstacle to achieve a personal dream/goal. Following the interview, write a short article chronicling this person's story of perseverance. Be sure to highlight the 5 W's of the individual's experience in your writing.

#### Ideas for Interview Questions

1. What was the biggest obstacle you overcame in your life or career?
2. When you found yourself faced with this obstacle what steps did you take to begin the process of overcoming this challenge?
3. Who were your mentors and inspiration as you worked through this process?
4. When did you feel like you hit a turning point with this obstacle? When did it get easier?
5. What kept you going during this time?
6. What advice would you have for someone going through a similar experience?

## CHECK OUT THESE BOOKS!

Our fabulous volunteer librarian Sharon put together a great list of books connected to themes in the show



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[childsplayaz.org/imagine-online](https://childsplayaz.org/imagine-online)

## CREATE

### Make Your Own Book

Dreamers author Yuri Morales not only wrote, but also created rich and detailed illustrations for her book. Now it's your turn to tell your personal story by designing your very own book.

#### Tips for Creating Your Book

- Determine what part of your life story you would like to tell.
- Create a colorful, eye-catching cover which invites a reader to open your book.
- Use words cut out from magazines for a collage effect.
- Use markers, pencil, and crayons to create variation in your drawings.
- Use textured materials such as fabric, tissue paper or items from nature to illustrate your book.
- Remember to give your book a title!

### Toy Theatre

In the play the performer often moved objects around on a table to tell parts of the story which were then projected on a screen as part of the performance. This kind of storytelling is inspired by toy theatre.

Try making your own tabletop theatre performance using objects around the house to create a toy theatre. Use a favorite book or movie as inspiration for your performance. Share your performance with family and friends.

Check out these great tutorials to help you make your toy theatre!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jpEvd4NikVU>

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