Adler Psych Film Group for June

“Shine”

Friday, June 8 from 6:30 - 9:00 pm
Adler Graduate School - Room 232

Please RSVP to: AGSPsychFilmGroup@alfredadler.edu

“Shine” is based on the true story of a brilliant young pianist, David Helfgott, who had a complicated relationship with his autocratic father. David undergoes a breakdown which culminates in an unspecified diagnosis of mental illness. The story explores his life during and after time spent in an institution. The film chronicles how he re-builds his life, and re-discovers the piano, with the support of those around him.

“...Its emotional impact is powerful and real.”
Janet Maslin – The New York Times

“‘Shine’ is also utterly extraordinary: biography without banality, uplift without upchuck, art without artifice. Rank it with the very best movies of the year.”
Peter Travers – Rolling Stone

Starring: Geoffrey Rush, Armin Mueller-Stahl, Justin Braine, Sonia Todd, Lynn Redgrave
Directed by: Scott Hicks
Rated: PG-13 for nudity/sensuality and intense thematic elements
Awards: Geoffrey Rush won an Oscar in 1997 for “Best Actor in a Leading Role.” “Shine” was nominated for 7 total Oscars, including “Best Picture” and “Best Director.”

Psychological focus: Father-child relationships, multi-generational trauma, double-bind communication, mental illness and treatment, unspecified diagnosis, prodigy abilities, lifestyle, social connection