



**T'Keyah Speaks** throughout the country and beyond with poetry, humor, song, and the kind of heart-felt passion that grabs, elevates, and inspires audiences of all ages. Fans throughout the world know her television work on *In Living Color*, *Cosby*, *That's So Raven*, and now *The Cool Crystal Show*. She is also known in civic circles for her extensive charitable work with organizations like the NAACP, NABSIO Violet Foundation, and the scholarships she created at Florida A&M University and Meharry Medical College.

### **TOPICS (Partial List):**

**NATURAL WOMAN / NATURAL HAIR** - Having worn her hair naturally more than thirty years straight (pun intended),

T'Keyah, is an outspoken proponent of the practice whose pioneering of such in modern day prime time television has made her a natural hair icon. Inspired by questions and comments from fans worldwide, her popular book, *Natural Woman / Natural Hair*, demystifies antiquated and oppressive thought about natural hair. In this candid, humorous and inspiring talk, she weaves (pun intended) a historical blend of her passion for roots (literally) and nature, entertains questions and reads poetic passages from the book. This engaging conversation inspires woman young and not so young to go natural, single dads and multiracial families to brave their daughters' heads and audience members across the board to be bold enough to ignore negating media images to love themselves just the way they are and to teach their children to do likewise.

**TOOLS OF THE TRADE / CREATING SUCCESS** - As an African American female, T'Keyah has had to leap over many hurdles. She has done so with style and grace. In her career, she has starred as a series regular on eight television shows including the pandemic born tour de force that she writes, directs, produces, and stars in, *The Cool Crystal Show*. She has performed, spoken, and presented workshops through the United States and beyond. She has performed in more than fifty theatrical productions including the four that she wrote or co-wrote. She has performed in more than twenty film including the four she helped produce. Additionally, she finished her third book last year and is now working on her fourth. Drawing on her many years as a successful actress and entrepreneur, T'Keyah offers refreshing inspirations on creating success and standing out in a crowd and provides new and stagnating actors with the tools to jumpstart their careers.

**WHAT IF YOU LIVE?** - Many of the young people T'Keyah encounters have an I-won't-live-long-anyway, I-may-as-well-go-out-with-a-bang lifestyle. Unfortunately, the statistics prove an alarming number of them right. In this heartfelt talk, T'Keyah draws on her childhood experiences, her years as a teacher and her historical research to infuse young audiences with a message of hope and logic. Her compelling words show that like so many others before them, young people in crisis can beat the odds. Then T'Keyah goes further to give them a plan for survival and success that leaves them thinking differently about their lives.

If you are interested in booking T'Keyah Crystal Keymáh, please send an email listing all the following information to [booktkeyah@tkeyah.com](mailto:booktkeyah@tkeyah.com). 1) name of your organization; 2) name and number of your contact person; 3) event for which you would like to invite T'Keyah to come or the show or type of performance you would like for her to give (ex: we would like T'Keyah to speak on the meaning of Kwanzaa, or we would like T'Keyah to speak and recite poetry on the strength of women); 4) a brief description (no more than one paragraph, please) of your organization or event; 5) location (address, city and state) of the venue; 6) date and time you would like her to come (and an alternative date and or time if your first choice is unavailable); and 7) your payment, travel, lodging and per diem offer. Be sure to include all of this information in the body of your email. Because of the viruses that are rampant on the Internet, empty emails with attachments will not be opened. We look forward to working with you!