



IN MEMORIAM

John Raven Mosher

John Raven Mosher, MA, LMHC, TEP, was actively involved in the professional advancement of the fields of Psychodrama, Sociometry and Group Psychotherapy for over 38 years. In 1975, John Raven Mosher began his psychodrama journey with Leon Fine, PhD, TEP. In 1995, Leon selected him as the heir to his training and therapy groups when he became too sick to work any longer. Leon also encouraged and mentored John to become active in the national psychodrama organizations.

Since 1981, John was part of The Federation of Trainers, The American Society of Group Psychotherapy, and The American Board of Examiners in Psychodrama, Sociometry and Group Psychotherapy. In 1981, he wrote the Articles of Incorporation for the Federation and he later served as Secretary of that organization. He also chaired the Seattle Federation Meeting in 1986 that attracted over 200 participants. In 1986, he was appointed to the Executive Council of the ASGPP (completing Leon Fine's term of office) and while on the Council he re-wrote the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. He served on the American Board of Examiners from 1987 to 1992 and again from 1993 to 1995. While on the Board, he served as Chairperson and Secretary.

His seminal and pioneering book on the *Healing Circle System of Psychodrama, Sociometry and Group Psycho-*

therapy has been refined in four separate editions. He and Brigid Mosher also wrote a chapter on this model for Hudgins and Kellerman's book (*Psychodrama With Trauma Survivors: Acting Out Your Pain*). In addition he wrote twelve other professional articles on topics as diverse as Effective Writing, Vocational Re-habilitation, and Psychodrama. John presented at numerous local, regional and national conferences including numerous annual meetings of the Federation and the ASGPP. He presented internationally in Argentina, Canada, and Senegal. In 2002, he received the ASGPP Innovator's Award for his pioneering work in writing and teaching of *The Healing Circle: Myth, Ritual and Therapy*. In 2005, he received the ASGPP Neil Passariello Award. Since 1986, he has been a Fellow of the ASGPP.

John's passion and excellence in conducting both introductory and on-going psychodrama training workshops is legendary. Over the years, literally thousands of mental health professionals have taken training with John, and he has trained over 245 persons. As a direct result of his mentoring and supporting those trainees, 25 have become certified practitioners (CP) and an additional six have become certified trainers (TEP).



Memorial for John Mosher

Tzivia Stein-Barrett, LCSW, RYT, TIYT, CP

On Sunday afternoon, December 20th, 2020, the Psychodrama Community said goodbye to one of its beloved members ~ John Raven Mosher. John was a maverick in Psychodrama, coupling theories of Shamanic Ritual with Sociometry and Personality Development. He also created the Healing Circle Model which he elaborated in a book.

Over eighty-six people attended the ceremony and a number of colleagues, students and friends spoke about the sense of love and safety that permeated their relationships with John. John's daughter was present and assured the community that John was as kind with his kids as he was with



his friends, colleagues, students and brothers in the men's groups he conducted for many years.

The hour-long memorial was hosted by ASGPP and facilitated by Tzivia Stein-Barrett from Texas. Tzivia is a graduate of Shamanic Psychodrama Training led by John Mosher and Shirley Barclay through the Dallas Psychodrama Institute.

