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## What is Sanity? What is Madness?

### A FIVE-DAY SYMPOSIUM & WORKSHOP



### **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

- Contemporary Alternatives to Psychiatry
- Sanity and Dwelling
- Kingsley Hall & After
- Laing's Approach to Therapy
- Sanity and the State of the World
- Laing's Impact on American Culture
- The Soteria Project, Diabasis, Burch House, Shadows
- What is Sanity, Liberty, Freedom?
- Laing's Legacy and the Future of the Psychiatric Survivor Movement
- The Transatlantic Psychiatric Survivor Movement Today
- The History and Societal Conceptions of Insanity
- Laing, Experience & Science
- Spirituality and Sanity
- Transformative Playgroup and Workshop Experience
- Sanity, Madness and the Couple
- On the Horizon: Kingsley Hall in the Bay Area

*plus*

PRESENTATION OF FEATURE DOCUMENTARY

**"ASYLUM"** directed by Peter Robinson

*and other film and video presentations on Laing*

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