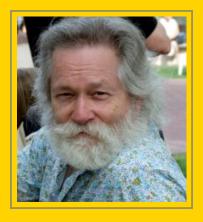
## Rite to Play:

## Ritual Creativity, Improvisation and the Performing Arts

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is a film based on a year and a half of interviews, participant observation, and documentation in two Canadian cities (Toronto and Kitchener-Waterloo) and two American cities (New York and New Haven). The film is a braid of improvisational activity, ritual experiment, and scholarly reflection. Its goal is to open up a visual and sonic space in which to consider the connections among improvisation, ritual, and the arts. It touches on several artistic and ritualistic genres such as music, dance, storytelling, liturgy, festivity, and healing.