Leslene della Madre has been a student of shamanism for 35 years and a student of Goddess spirituality for 15. She has a background in spiritual midwifery, community living, foster parenting, and psychology from UC Berkeley.

Blending her work with cross-cultural spiritual traditions (including Wicca, Zen, Buddhism and Native American) and her studies with various teachers of shamanism, Leslene provides a rich nurturing environment for healing. She has coined the word “Shemama” – a midwife of the spirit – to describe herself in her healing work.

Leslene is founder of Winged Women Return, a center for empowerment through shamanism and shamanic healing in Sebastopol, California.

She is the mother of two daughters, a stepson and a foster son. She maintains a private practice as a shamanic practitioner in Sonoma County.

Leslene is available as a speaker, lecturer, consultant and group ritual facilitator and is available to travel to work with your group.

She speaks on Goddess herstory and facilitates workshops on Goddess empowerment.

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Within the rich ancestral heritage of all peoples are healing teachings and practices that call to us in many ways. As beings who are much more than bodies, healing can and must occur on levels beyond the physical. For instance, there are practices that lead to self-empowerment working with the imagination as a tool for transformation.

This culture tends to deny the importance of the imagination as a source of inspiration, creativity and healing. Yet, a basic key to a doorway into the world of magic is contained in the very root of imagination. Western culture conditions us away from our connection with nature and the harmony and ecstasy that awaits us. We spend a great deal of time with our awareness focused in our heads – the intellect – at the expense of the spiritual.

The Earth is crying out. She is waiting for us to find within our connection to the Sacred Female.

Leslene works in various ways with women, men, couples and children and is available for:

**Private Sessions**
- Extraction
- Depossession
- Soul-Retrieval
- Oracle Consultation
- Shamanic Counseling
- Power Animal Retrieval
- Nurturing Bodywork

**Trainings**
- 4 Shields Empowerment
- 9 Month Training in Feminist Shamanism – an apprenticeship program to empower your everyday life.
- Triple Goddess Empowerment

**Classes**
- Death & Dying – a circle exploring death & dying from a spiritual feminist perspective.
- Goddess Within – a circle for women focusing and discovering who we are in current patriarchal society through ritual, recreating myth, movement, shamanic journeying and sharing.

**Priestess Services**
- Blessing Ways
- Personal Ritual
- Coming of Age Circles
- Sweat Lodge for Women
- Midwifing of Death & Dying

Leslene is extremely knowledgeable and experienced in both the traditions of women’s spirituality (Goddess traditions) and shamanic healing. The opportunities I’ve had to learn from her and partner in working with her have greatly enhanced my own journey of unfoldment, my appreciation of the earth and my understanding of the mysteries of women.

*Mary Murray Shelton, Senior Minister Huntington Beach Church of Religious Science*

As an apprentice to Leslene, I have gone deeper in my own healing than with any other practitioner. She has also taught me how to go deeper with my own clients.

*Jacqueline S. Chapman MS, MFCC Transpersonal Psychotherapist*

Several years ago I was very ill, and Leslene was part of a small circle of women who took care of me. I reached a place of not knowing whether I was going to live or die, a place in which the spirit was on its own journey. Because Leslene so deeply understood and respected the necessities of the spirit, I relied on her to speak, as it were, for my body – to tell me what I needed to do to preserve my physical self. One night she saw that I was slipping away, so she crawled into bed with me, cradled my head in her lap and sang my spirit back into my body. I was held by her compassion, her strength, and her skill. I’ll always be grateful for the gift of that tender and fierce loving kindness, which was the beginning of my healing.

*Joan Iten Sutherland
Zen teacher, California Diamond Sangha*

Leslene’s work empowers a woman to know and be herself, actualizing the fullness of her many possibilities. Leslene encourages each woman to claim the wisdom of her own experience and embrace her true feminine nature. She is courageous, honest, inspirational and capable of holding many divergent energies and points of view simultaneously. I highly recommend Leslene to any woman seeking a trustworthy guide on her journey.

*Anne Stine, MA, MFCC
Psychotherapist and Wilderness Guide*

In my work with Leslene, I find that she understands and embodies the principle of good mental health as well as a deep understanding of the vast realms of consciousness and their potential for healing.

*Gary Bravo
M.D, Psychiatrist*