



## **2009 Full Curriculum Intensive**

*in Madrid, Spain*

Nov. 20—Dec. 14, 2009

*with Sam Masich*

This letter form is an invitation for you to apply to the 2009 5 Section Taijiquan intensive with Sam Masich. The class will be limited to about 16 participants.

**Objectives of the course:** In this intensive we will be focusing on the 5 Section Taijiquan curriculum in its entirety with the purpose of developing high level practitioners. Instruction will include: the five 5 Section Taijiquan forms, *Jue-shou partner practices* and *Core Principles*.

It is expected that participants will advance greatly in all practical and theoretical aspects of this material. Upon satisfactory completion, each class member will receive a participant's certificate and skill evaluation assessment.

**Eligibility requirements:** This course is designed for serious students of Taijiquan who wish to complete the entire 5 Section syllabus as taught by Sam Masich. To be eligible for the course, students must have studied *approximately 50% of the material* prior to the start date of the class.\* Ideally this will have been with Sam or his advanced students but work with other teachers will be taken into consideration as well. Students must be willing to work hard for long hours, commit to the schedule of training for the four weeks and meet financial commitments. This is a serious undertaking which will likely disrupt other personal and professional involvements temporarily.

**Framework of the intensive:** The course will run from November 20 to December 14 in 2009 in Madrid, Spain. Classes will take place *four days per week*, running Fridays through Mondays. (Some subjects may be taught in seminar format allowing participation of outside students) The class will be suitable for English and Spanish speakers.

**Deadlines for Application:** Submission deadline for application is April 15, 2009 although you may apply any time upon receiving this invitation. (Acceptance is not on a 'first-come, first-serve' basis although date of application by equally qualified applicants may be considered.)

**Financial: Tuition for the intensive is 1250 € (Euros).** This includes instruction and course materials. You must provide your own training sword. The tuition fee does not include meals or accommodation though we can endeavor to assist you in finding a reasonably priced place to stay. Payment schedule and other financial information will be forwarded should your application be accepted.

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\* Prior to this intensive Sam or other instructors may offer courses or tutelage in topics which support this curriculum eligibility requirement. Candidates may apply for this intensive with the intention of boosting their knowledge of the syllabus to 50% (i.e. three of the forms and/or jue-shou practices). All 5 Section Taijiquan forms are available as instructional videos and DVD's from Little Productions.

**Application Form**  
**2009 • 5 Section Taijiquan Full Curriculum Intensive**  
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**Personal Information**

Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

Total years training (do not include breaks):

Teachers/ Styles:

**How experienced are you with the following 5 Section Taijiquan forms?**

Check the box and rate your familiarity 0—10. (0 - not familiar at all. 10 - know expertly)

Add explanatory comments where necessary.

**1) 5 Section solo barehand Taijiquan**  
Comments:

**2) 5 Section partner barehand Taijiquan**  
Comments:

**3) 5 Section solo straight-sword Taijijian**  
Comments:

**4) 5 Section partner straight-sword Taijijian**  
Comments:

**5) 5 Section solo barehand Chen style Taijiquan**  
Comments:

**6) Jue-shou partner practices**  
Comments:

**7) Core Principles**  
Comments:



**Respond to the following in about 100 words total.** (attach to a separate sheet if necessary)

- Why do you want to be in this course?
  
- When I finish this course I hope to...
  
- How has taijiquan practice affected your life?
  
- The class may involve participation in at least one performance/demonstration event and may be filmed as part of a documentary. Participants must consent to being filmed during class and consent to the use of such footage. How do you feel about this?
  
- Would you be willing to participate in photography for a book by Sam on the 5 Section Forms? (optional)
  
- Would you be willing to participate in videography for instructional tape/DVD's by Sam on the 5 Section Forms? (optional)

Please check below if applicable:

- If accepted for this course I will be able to commit to the financial expense.
  
- I can offer scholarship money for another student in need of support.
  
- If accepted for this course I may need partial scholarship assistance if it is available.

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