



太極十三勢劍
13 Power Taiji Sword Intensive
in Madrid, Spain
Nov. 25—Dec. 11, 2011
with Sam Masich

This is an application for the 2011—13 Power Taiji Sword Intensive in Madrid with Sam Masich.

Objectives of the course: This intermediate-to-advanced level training course is designed for serious students of taiji straight-sword with the purpose of developing high level practitioners. The class will focus on *jue-jian* (sensing-sword) and the 13 Power Taiji Sword derived from the traditional Yang-style Taijiquan curriculum. Much of training will involve vigorous partner work. This course should result in an greatly improved ability to use the straight-sword in a practical way consistent with *taijijian* principles and standards.

Eligibility: The course is for practitioners already familiar with *taiji* swordplay and focuses a great deal on partner drills and sword applications. To be eligible for the course, participants will have studied *taiji* solo and partner sword for at least two years. Ideally this will have been with Sam but studies with Sam's advanced students and with other teachers will be taken into consideration as well. Experience in areas listed below contributes to eligibility.

Solo sword: Yang-style 54 Taijijian; 5 Section Taijijian (solo form); other acceptable sword forms.

Partner sword: 5 Section Taijijian (two-person form); Jue-jian (Sensing-sword); 13 Power Sword drills; other acceptable partner sword forms.

Other sword training: sword sparring; other types of fencing (kendo, western modern fencing, historical fencing, etc.); other acceptable sword training.

The class will be limited to 18 participants. Students must be willing to work hard for long hours, commit to the schedule of training for the three weeks and meet financial commitments.

Timeframe of the Intensive

The material will be presented over *one weekend* and *two four-day sessions*. The first weekend will focus on *jue-jian* or 'sensing-sword'.

Nov. 25-27: Taiji Sensing-sword Sensing-sword provides the basis for an understanding of 'jin', taijijian's 'intrinsic power'. This first weekend will be open to participants not in the intensive.

Dec. 3-6 & Dec. 8-11: The Thirteen Powers. Through solo and partner drills, applications and sparring studies we will thoroughly learn and train the 13 power *taijijian* method. These sessions are only for intensive participants.

Deadlines for Application: Submission deadline for application is **August 15, 2011** although you may apply any time upon receiving or downloading this invitation to apply. (Acceptance is not strictly on a 'first-come, first-serve' basis but date of application by equally qualified applicants may be considered.)

Financial: Tuition for the intensive is 950€. This includes instruction and course materials. You must provide one wooden and one metal training sword of your own and a protective glove and face-mask. The tuition fee does not include meals or accommodation though we can endeavor to assist you in finding a reasonably priced place to stay. An early registration deposit of €400 will entitle participants to a €50 discount.

Application Form

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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 Taijijian forms?

Rate your familiarity 0—10. (0 - not familiar at all. 10 - know expertly). Add explanatory comments.

1) Yang-style 54 Taijijian:

Comments:

2) 5 Section solo straight-sword:

Comments:

3) Other solo straight-sword:

Comments:

4) 5 Section partner straight-sword:

Comments:

5) Jue-jian (Sensing-sword):

Comments:

6) 13 Power Sword:

Comments:

7) Other sword training:

Comments:

Respond to the following in about 100 words total. (attach to a separate sheet where 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 photos for a book. (optional)
- Would you be willing to participate in videography for instructional tape/DVD's by Sam. (optional)

Please check below if applicable:

If accepted for this course I will be able to commit to the 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.

Return to: sam@sammasich.com

(Please send the application electronically either as: text information or a scanned application form.)