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WELCOME TO STRANGE HORSE

Strange Horse is also online as a downloadable .pdf file at SamMasich.com. Find out about Sam's workshop/concert schedule, instructional DVDs, music, articles, book reviews & special offers.

STRANGE HORSE NEWS

Welcome to Strange Horse. As you read through, you can click directly on the [hyperlinks to SamMasich.com](http://SamMasich.com) for more info.

Push-hands, sensing sword and the *Yang 108*—aside from a month-long **5 Section Taijiquan full curriculum intensive** in Gatineau, Quebec in July, these subjects will occupy my teaching year in 2010. Scheduled stops include: *Hannover & Berlin Germany; Brighton, England; Madrid, Spain; Venice, Italy; Campbellville, ON Canada; Vancouver & Prince George BC Canada.*

Highlights will include the 4th Annual 4 Day **Madrid Push Hands Camp** and the first ever **Berlin Push Hands Camp** which is now taking over from the Vancouver Push Hands Camp.

Sam Masich Internal Arts is now on FaceBook. Become a fan! Its nice to see the comments and

Check out the new **'Experience SamMasich.com'** video on YouTube. This is a re-edit based on the famous **'Tai Chi - in the Bridge'** footage, interspersed with footage from demos over the years.

In **Music & Other Art** there is an update on Sam's newest CD in the works: **'Lucky Time'**.

FEATURE TEACHER:

JILL HEATH

Jill provided this overview of her studies with Sam over the last 15 years: **1995** Milton, ON: *5 Section Sanshou workshop:* In for the duration with the late, great *Tessie Smith*, my taiji sister of almost 20 years. Over the week-



end, we find we have no skill in connecting our 'tai cheeee' to another human.

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1st Berlin Push Hands Camp

Aug. 20-23 2010

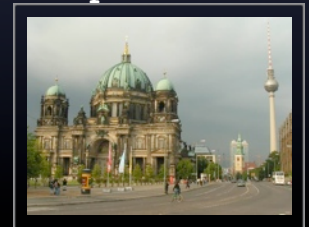
Jue-shou and the 1-8 覺手 · 八盤架子

This four day event will kick-off a series of summer workshops dedicated to the the study of traditional push-hands exercises and energies.

This year's focus: preparation exercises. Jue-shou—'sensing-hands', and the Ba pan jia tzu—eight 'flat-disc' push-hands methods. These exercises lay a foundation for advanced work.

Sam has held his annual push-hands camps in Canada the last 18 years. This year we will begin afresh... in Berlin!

About Berlin. Where to stay. **Contact Sam to reserve a spot.**



SamMasich.com

Get Sam's **DVDs & CDs** online through **PayPal!**

or **Order by Mail**

TIDBITS:

Private Lessons: Interested in putting your Taiji progress on a faster track? Check the [private lesson page](#) on the website.

• Jan Parker and Art Baner:

Congratulations to Jan, Art and the intensive participants for completing the first of three phases of their **2010 Taiji Full Curriculum Intensive** on Bowen Island!

DVD NEWS:



* **FREEBIE!** *
Email for a
FREE DVD:
**20 Years of
Internal Arts Programs
with Sam Masich & friends**

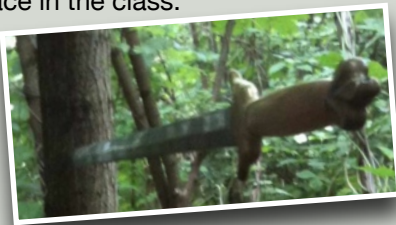
• You can still pay by cheque for DVDs and CDs. Some folks have trouble with using *PayPal* or ordering with a credit card online. **Info on mail-order here.**

ANNOUNCING!

• 2011 Madrid

3 Week Sword Camp

Start preparing for an amazing sword experience. In the winter of 2011 we will train nothing but sword for three four day weeks! Dates are to be announced but probably in mid-November! This is guaranteed to be one of the best taijijian courses ever! Contact [Javier Arnanz](#) to reserve a place in the class.



• 2012 Brighton England

5 Section Taijiquan Full Curriculum Intensive

The next opportunity to study the 5 Section Taijiquan intensively with Sam will be in Brighton in 2012. Contact [Simon Robins](#) to reserve a place in the class.



A great MONTH! 2009 5 Section Taijiquan Full Curriculum Intensive in Madrid

Jan. 12-Mar. 28 2009

Congratulations to the 14 dedicated individuals who completed the program.

Angel Bedia
Ángeles Buergo
César Diaz de la Cruz
Francisco Javier
Ivan Urteaga Almeida
Javier Arnanz
Maribel Brito
Marta Fernández Miró
Paloma Botejara
Ricardo Paris
Sergio Aguilera
Simon Robinson
Stephan Moratti
Virginia Navascués

2009 5 Section Taijiquan
Full Curriculum Intensive

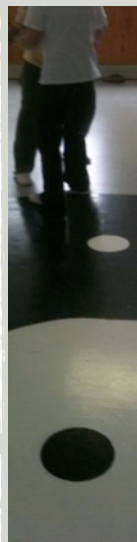


Private Study with Sam Masich

There is no quicker way to make progress than with intensive private study. Sam is often available for private and small group sessions when he travels and also [at his home in Berlin, Germany.](#)

The 'Other House 8'

Arrange your study-stay in a reasonably priced guest house near your lessons. Enjoy your taiji time in the charming, restored historical building '[Das Andere Haus VIII](#)'. [MAP](#)
[Contact Huberta](#) to reserve.



FEATURE TEACHER

Jill Heath continued:

2001 Rock Lake BC: *Weapons Camp, inc. 5-section sword sparring.* Jean Kirk is my partner in crime for 'weaponry week'. By the end of the week she almost stops flinching as I flail away at her. She is brave. We actually don't know how little we know about sword still. Hilarious for us. Sad for Sam.



2007 Vancouver B.C: 6-week 5 Section teacher's training intensive. *Adriaan Blaauw* and I train before and after class, during the lunch hour and on 'off' days. Goals in mind: *graduate intensive; teach first sword workshop together; don't stab each other at Lunar New Year 5 section sword sparring demo.*

2009-now Gatineau QC & Milton ON: *Adriaan* and I continue to team-teach 5 Section *Chen* and *Sword and Barehand sparring forms* in our 'Taiji For Two' program.

After 15 years of patience, tolerance and understanding, I think I might be getting the hang of this thing!

Jill Heath is a *taijiquan & qigong* teacher based in Ontario, Canada. Jill, along with *Adriaan Blaauw*, will be an assistant instructor at this year's **5 Section Taijiquan Full Curriculum Intensive** in Gatineau, Quebec.

MUSIC & OTHER ART:



Cow!
Cinematic
Diamond Space
Blue Manifesto
Why It Happens
Different Standards

Check out
Sam's Discography

'SamSongs'
All Sam's music is
currently special priced!

Click here!



Lucky Time progress:

In April 2009 Sam recorded ten songs with jazz great **Bobby Kapp** (drums), master Cuban pianist **Gabriel Hernandez** (piano), NY veteran **Tyler Mitchel** (bass) and the incredible **Ken Basman** (guitar). The project has been delayed but is still underway and getting near completion. Release date is as yet uncertain. **Lucky Time** features new treatments of several of my oldies but goodies previously recorded by other artists. Songs include: *Roses on a River*, *Diamond Space* (co-written with Michael Friedman) and *June*, as well as previously unrecorded songs: *Berlin Boy* and *Blues & You & Me*.

SAM'S SCHEDULE SPRING & SUMMER 2010

For detailed descriptions and contact info on the following events go to the [calendar at SamMasich.com](http://calendar.atSamMasich.com)

July

Gatineau, Quebec

3 days of sword!

Fri. Jul. 16—Sun. Jul. 18

5 Section 2 Person Taijijian
五段太極對練劍 (Duilianjian)

This is a great opportunity to peek into the **2010 5 Section Taijiquan Full Curriculum Intensive**.

This sword sparring class is open to a limited number of participants who will join the ten full time members of the month long intensive.

For more detailed info on classes go to the calendar at SamMasich.com



August: Euro-Triangle!



1. Venice, Italy

Tai Chi AquaVenice

Fri. Jul. 30—Sun. Aug. 1

Taijijian Zhan-Nian and
Martial Application

AQUAVENICE

Seminario Internazionale di Tai Chi

Chuan e Chi Kung

24.07.2010 - 01.08.2010

[course info](#)



2. Madrid, Spain

Fri Aug. 13—Mon Aug.16

● Campamento de 4 dias
de Empuje de Manos

● 4th Madrid Push Hands Camp
4º Campamento de Empuje de
Manos en Madrid

Serie de 25 Energías "Abrir, cerrar,
Elevar y Hundir"

(English)

4th Madrid Push Hands Camp

25 Energies Series: 'Opening,
Closing, Rising and Sinking'

(Suitable for English & Spanish speakers)

Precio/Cost 350€

Lugar/Location:

Escuela Superior Serrato, c/ Al-
mansa 47. Madrid

Más información: [Javier](#)

o en la web [AprendeTaichi](#)

3. Berlin, Germany

Fri Aug. 20—Mon Aug.23

覺手, 八盤架子

'Jue-shou' and the '1-8'



● 1. jährliches Berliner Push Hands Camp

● 1st Annual Berlin Push Hands Camp

Jue-shou (sensing-hands) is based on 5 simple operations. *Ba Pan Jia Zi Dingbu Tuishou*, or the '1-8', are foundation exercises which make possible a principled approach to other advanced traditional push-hands drills.

cost/Kosten: 425€ (€400 if preregistered • bei Voranmeldung)

location: Berlin, Lichtenberg (Rummelsburger Bucht)

contact/registration/Anmeldung: [Sam Masich](#) 0170-553-8096

Accommodations (Unterkünfte unter): [Das Andere Haus 8](#)

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