



Berlin Taiji Apprenticeship Program
January – February 2013
柏林太極学徒培训班
with Sam Masich



Make real progress!

Imagine having personalized feedback four-days a week from one of the top taiji instructors teaching today. Imagine participating in research, production and creative activity in one of the best *taiji* libraries anywhere!

This is an opportunity to intensively explore the world of *taijiquan* in a unique and productive way, both learning from and contributing to the art.

Traditional ‘indoor training’ often involved students coming to live and train with the master. In this modern take on the time honoured practice, Sam opens his personal studio, library and production facilities for an intensive unlike any other.

Limited to five students! Sam will take up to five students through January and February 2013. Sessions will take place Monday to Friday from Jan. 7 – Feb. 28.

The day will start with a one hour practice session with the other apprentices (and possibly members of the local *taiji* community). Sam will then give one hour of private tutorial to each of the apprentices, focusing on their specific needs and interests.

Apprenticeship Exchange

Apprenticeship exchange involves tasks related mainly to *taiji* projects including books, video, audio and web-based productions. Other areas could include building and materials skills (i.e. cleaning and repairing *taiji* weapons). The exchange is focused primarily around *taijiquan* related projects so that a unique learning environment is maintained even in exchange. Work will be acknowledged in any publications that may emerge.

Special skills needed:

audio, video and graphic arts production
academic research
text editing
website and computer
workshop, wood/metal
translation skills (Spanish, French, Italian, German, Chinese)



The Math

Normally private sessions with Sam cost €100 per hour. Apprenticeship hours are discounted to €75. Apprenticeship exchange hours are valued at €15 per hour. Thus, each private lesson hour can be exchanged for five hours of work on agreed upon tasks. This may be paid by apprenticeship exchange, monetarily or a combination of the two.

With morning and private sessions plus apprenticeship exchange hours, each day averages out to seven hours of *taiji* immersion (although exchange hours could be fulfilled on other days as well).

Alternatives

Tandem training

Perhaps you and a friend/training partner would like to do this together. In this case the hourly rate would be €100 hour or 7 hours of apprenticeship exchange. Other arrangements can be made as well.

Shorter periods, other times

If you would like to arrange with Sam to do the training and apprenticeship for a shorter period of time or at another time during the year, this can be discussed.

Other considerations

- There is a growing community of practitioners in Germany and especially in Berlin who like to research Sam's work together. They are generally welcoming of any playmates who wish to join in.
- The training would happen in '[Das Andere Haus](#)' which is also home to a hotel with five small quiet rooms. It is possible to arrange a well discounted rate for the months of January and February.
- The training space is along a lovely bay—Rummelsburger Bucht—which is often frozen well enough to skate on during winter months. There is a long promenade directly behind connecting to several lovely parks.

