

# LAURA STONE TAI CHI WORKSHOP

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Saturday, April 12, 2008

9:30 – 11:30 Push Hands

1:00 – 3:00 Sword

**Place:** Tai Chi Center of Madison, 301 S. Bedford St., Madison, Wisconsin

**Fees:** 1 session/\$30, both sessions/\$50, checks payable to *Tai Chi Center of Madison*.

**Reservations:** Contact Doug 608-663-8299 or email [doug@taichicenterofmadison.com](mailto:doug@taichicenterofmadison.com)

Laura began studying Tai Chi Chuan in 1972 and continued with masters in the US, Taiwan, and Europe, including the self-defense and interactive aspects of the art. Her primary teacher is Grandmaster William C. C. Chen.

In 1979, Laura founded *The T'ai Chi Ch'uan Association of Indiana (USA)*, a center for William C. C. Chen's T'ai Chi Ch'uan, where she was director and head instructor until 1994 when she moved to The Netherlands. *The Studio* opened in Deventer in 1996 where Laura teaches small groups and private lessons in Dutch and English. She continues to give workshops internationally.

In recent years, Laura has trained as a psychotherapist (*Hakomi*, body-centered psychotherapy and *Internal Family Systems Therapy*) and as a mediator. In addition, she has returned to playing the piano and is co-creator and presenter of trainings for mediators and business professionals with her husband, Fred van Welsem, at Welstone. Laura Stone is registered as a teacher through the *Stichting Taijiquan Nederland (Taijiquan Foundation of The Netherlands)* and received her diploma from Grandmaster William C. C. Chen in 1986.

*Laura brings her years of teaching and life experience to the classroom in a grounded, playful, and creative way. And this on a foundation of solid practice and inspiration from the many teachers who have graced her path.*

Laura's primary teachers have been Grandmaster William C. C. Chen and his (senior) students (Norman Blair, George Blank, Bob Friedman, Carol Mancuso, Nathan Menaged, Tom Otterness, David Pancarician, Tim Pitt and the many NYC students with whom she has trained over the years), 1979 - present T'ai Chi Ch'uan Association of Indiana teachers (especially Charles Pearce, Cordah Robinson, Jody Curley) and students (1979 – 1994) Dr. Tao Ping-siang (workshops 1990 - present) Master Peter Ralston (workshops 1985 - 1993) Master Benjamin Peng-jang Lo (workshops 1977 - 1984) Mr. Tuan You-chang (3 months daily study in Taiwan, 1977) Mr. Sam Kekina (6 months intensive study in Hawaii, 1977) Mr. Robert Cheng (1972-1974)