

## Brisbane kung Fu

Wu Zen Dao The Way of Martial Art Zen



## Sifu Peter Natalier



Peter Natalier began training with Sifu Jason King way back in January 1997. Having started that long ago, he is fortunate to have had some involvement with Master Lee before he returned to Taiwan. He came to Shaolin with a year of Wing Chun experience - talk about one kung fu extreme to the other! From extreme close range with virtually no kicks to long range with plenty of kicks. Just one of the many obstacles he had to overcome on his journey.

Peter took a few extended absences from training but returned in 2002 with gusto. Since this time, Peter's confidence has dramatically increased, his fitness has improved considerably (particularly after his painful level 6 grading!) and he has undertaken much more responsibility. He has been a big asset to Sifu Jason and has contributed to the restructuring and refining of the Shaolin grading system.

In recent years, Sifu Peter has had the opportunity to demonstrate his kung fu at Southbank Piazza for Buddha's Birthday Celebrations and at the Mind Body Spirit Expo at the Convention Centre. He also helped celebrate the Taiwanese National Day at a number of locations including the famous Festival Hall (now closed).

Sifu Peter demonstrated his abilities early on with success in tournaments, culminating in a second place at the NAS National Titles for an outstanding display in the forms division. He has also achieved multiple awards at a state level and numerous regional trophies. Sifu Peter has recently been competing in the Open Blackbelt divisions where he has been in strong contention. He has represented the school from local to international levels and taken on various roles on the committee of Brisbane Kung Fu, notably the schools Demonstration and Tournament Coordinator.

In 2007, Sifu Peter completed his Level 1 Coaching Certificate as part of his MAIA Accreditation and also began studying a Natural Therapies Certificate course which includes Traditional Chinese Massage. He hopes in the future to follow a similar journey to Master Lee by combining these skills and assisting persons with any health concerns.

For now, Sifu Peter will concentrate on consolidating his Shaolin skills and teaching ability. He is keen to further develop his skills in the Tai Ji, Weapons and Shuai Jiao systems.