## WICKEDLY WILD WORKSHOP WEEK Intensive With South African Performance Artist PETER VAN HEERDEN







Peter Van Heerden is a performance artist living and working in Cape Town, South Africa, where he is a lecturer in live performance at City Varsity and works in close collaboration with artist Andre Laubshcer as the *erf* [81] cultural collective. Van Heerden is known for his highly physical, intellectually challenging, body-focused performance art.

Through live art installations created in and around sites of conflict in South Africa, *erf* [81] *cultural collective* works around the notion of "*saamtrek*" (the Afrikaans word for "pulling or journeying together"), where the audience, through their presence, actively participate in the performance's quest for new meanings and interpretations of archetypal symbols inherited from South Africa's colonial and apartheid past.

## Workshop Schedule:

- Monday January 11, 2010 6-9pm Studio A
  - **6pm:** Free public lecture that will provide insight into the workings of performance practice in South Africa and the exploration of Peter's performance theory of 'saamtrekking,' supported with images and video work from his live art installations presented in South Africa. **7-9pm:** Workshop.
- Tuesday Friday January 12-15, 2010 6-9pm (Wed 2-5pm) Studio A
   Seven Phase Workshop: BECOMING/ rituals of arrival WE CAN THE MAN/ beauty in the
   grotesque LIFE/ welcoming ceremony MYTH/ meet the planet REFLECTION/embracing
   ancestors SEEKING THE PRIMAL/ becoming animal IT IS I/the self-looking within
- Saturday January 16, 2010 7pm The X
   Public performance by Peter van Heerden of his new one-man solo performance piece, <u>Ubuntu</u>

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