In this lesson, you'll learn how to do the following:

• Create type in containers and along paths

• Import text files into type containers

• Adjust type attributes and formatting including the font, leading, and paragraph alignment

• Wrap type around a graphic

• Create stylized letterforms with outlined type

• Create type masks

Getting started

In this lesson, you'll be creating a Tai Chi lecture series poster. Before you begin you'll need to restore the default preferences for Adobe Illustrator and then you'll open the finished art file for this lesson to see what you'll be creating.

1 To ensure that the tools and palettes function exactly as described in this lesson, delete or deactivate (by renaming) the Adobe Illustrator 8.0 preferences file. (See "Restoring default preferences" in Appendix A, "Improving Performance," of the *Adobe Illustrator 8.0 User Guide*.)

2 Start Adobe Illustrator.

3 Choose File > Open and open the finished art file, *03_b.ai.*
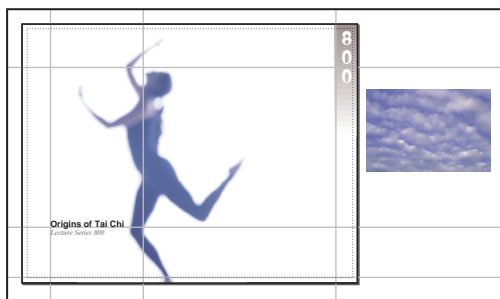
(The path to the file is: Adobe Illustrator 8.0 application folder > Training > Tutorial > AI_03 > 03_b.ai.)

4 If you like, choose View > Zoom Out to make the finished artwork smaller and leave it on your screen as you work. (Use the hand tool (🖑) to move artwork where you want it in the window.) If you don't want to leave the image open, choose File > Close.

Now open the start file to begin the lesson.

5 Choose File > Open and open the start file, *03_a.ai.*

(The path to the file is: Adobe Illustrator 8.0 application folder > Training > Tutorial > AI_03 > 03_a.ai.)

6 Choose File > Save As, name the file **TaiChi.ai**, and click Save. In the Illustrator Format dialog box, select version 8.0 of Illustrator and click OK.