

Japan New & Old, In & Out

13-17th February 2008, 16-20pm @ Mediamatic, Post CS

Oosterdokskade 5, ground floor / side entrance, Amsterdam

During the "Gastarbeider Dating" exhibition at Mediamatic, Kyoko Inatome and Emiko Chujo Present "Japan, New & Old, In & Out" meeting point with a series of performances and events to inspire cooperation between creatives from Japan, the Netherlands and elsewhere.

Special for Japanese folks; An introduction to the fascinating cosplay subculture of Amsterdam. CosPlay, short for Costume play" is about dressing as characters such as from Japanese manga and anime. As an unforgettable look at a Dutch perspective of a Japanese subculture we've invited those cosplayers to create a performance. There will also be live music by charismatic J-pop band "Slightly Spring".

Special for fans of Japanese culture; "Shishimai" is a traditional dance performed at special occasions in Japan. We'll present our modern variation of Shishimai performed by Japanese and Dutch artists. You'll experience the ancient art of "mochi" (sticky rice cake) making and celebrate the occasion with sake, mochi and live music from a Japanese band! We introduce you to Japanese traditions!

1. Kotatsu café (daily from 16-20hrs) > Kotatsu is a low table with a futon covering and heater underneath. It's warm and super cozy inside so Kotatsu will help you meet other guests. You can also just relax reading Japanese comics and drink warm or cold Japanese drinks.

2. Shabera Night (Friday from 18hrs) > A fast-paced and varied series of presentations, each comprising exactly five minutes and ten slides. The participants include: Japanese artists and entrepreneurs, and non-Japanese creators who've been influenced by Japanese culture. Just contact us if you have something to contribute too.

3. Message board (daily) > There will be a bulletin board for your flyers, advertisements and wanted notes. Whether you're searching for a Japanese language teacher or looking for Dutch friends, this might be just the spot to connect!



Programme

(café is open daily from 16-20hrs)

13th February (Wed)

16:00 Cafe grand opening!

18:00 Opening ceremony with 'Kagamibiraki' (sake barrel cracking) and 'Mochitsuki' (mochi making)

14th February (Thu)

All day Animation day

15th February (Fri)

18:00 "Shabera Night"

19:00 Japanese live music performance

16th February (Sat)

18:00 "Shishimai" performance

18:30 Live music by Slightly Spring followed by Cosplay performance

17th February (Sun)

18:00 "Shishimai" performance and ending the cafe with "Mochitsuki"

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