

“Japan, New & Old, In & Out”

13th (Wed) – 17th (Sun) February, 16–20pm
@ Mediamatic, Post CS

During the “**Gastarbeider Dating**” (Guestworker 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. Enjoy our cozy, Japanese-style “Kotatsu” café and many other fun events daily from 13 to 17 February at Mediamatic in Amsterdam.

Special for Japanese folks; An introduction to the strange and fascinating **cosplay** subculture of Amsterdam. Cosplay, short for Costume play” is about dressing as characters such as from Japanese manga and anime. Cosplay is not only a huge phenomenon in Japan; There are even Dutch communities of Japanese anime fans having cosplay competitions. As an unforgettable look at a Dutch perspective of a Japanese subculture we’ve invited those cosplayers to create a performance together with a 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. Its 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. Winter tip: Warm sake while sitting under Kotatsu!
- 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)** > Just like at your neighborhood Albert Heijn 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 (Wed)	16:00	Café grand opening!
	18:00	Opening ceremony with 'Kagamibiraki' (sake barrel cracking) and 'Mochitsuki' (mochi making)
14th (Thu)	All day	Animation day
15th (Fri)	18:00	"Shabera Night"
	19:00	Live music by Japanese band Yutachin
16th (Sat)	18:00	"Shishimai" performance
	18:30	Cosplay performance with live music by Slightly Spring
17th (Sun)	18:00	"Shishimai" performance and ending the café with "Mochitsuki"

Location Mediamatic

Post CS building
grand floor
Oosterdoksade 5
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