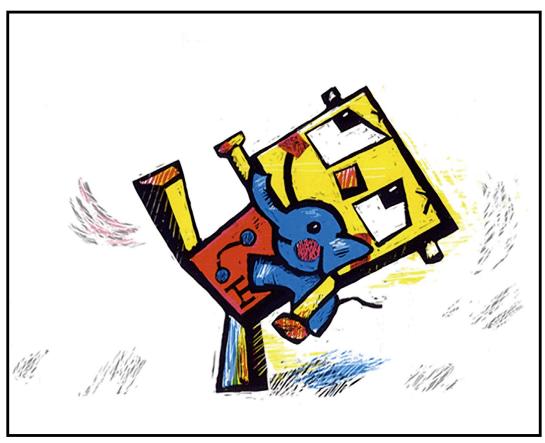
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The International Kamishibai Association of Japan



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## From IKAJA in Tokyo

It is hard to believe that IKAJA turns 19 this year! In 2019, with the theme of "Kamishibai Takes Flight: The Power of Peace", our leaders and members continued to perform kamishibai both in Tokyo and around Japan and the world. A report, "Kamishibai as Peacemaking", was written from the fresh point of view of an Australian member. The year 2020, on the other hand, has seen the novel coronavirus curtail many of our activities. In this issue, we offer two essays from Spain and France that address kamishibai in the time of coronavirus. We also include reports on recent kamishibai events overseas in which IKAJA participated, and the second annual World Kamishibai Day.

# Kamishibai Supply Information

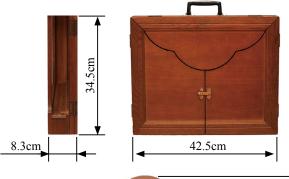
#### Kamishibai Sheet



\*Standard dimensions of **kamishibai sheets**: 26.5 x 38.2 cm

\*Standard number of sheets in published kamishibai: 8, 12, 16, 24, etc.

#### Kamishibai Stage



\*Dimensions of a **kamishibai stage** (in brown wood):

W 42.5 x H 34.5 x D 8.3 cm ISBN 4-494-07300-8

Japanese retail price (tax excluded): ¥ 9800





Back side view with kamishibai sheets

#### Kamishibai Stand



\*Dimensions of a kamishibai stand:

W 63.5 x H 110 to 167 x D 41 cm ISBN 4-494-07304-0

Japanese retail price (tax excluded): ¥ 4280

If you would like to order kamishibai supplies, please use the following links:

http://www.doshinsha.co.jp/kamishibai/translations/

Librairie Japonaise Junku <a href="http://www.junku.fr/fr/index.php">http://www.junku.fr/fr/index.php</a>

To read synopses in English of nearly 40 recommended Japanese kamishibai, visit this link:

https://www.kamishibai-ikaja.com/en/recommended-eng.html

## What is IKAJA?

#### **Activities**

The International Kamishibai Association of Japan (IKAJA) is Japan's largest kamishibai association. The spokesperson is now Kyoko Sakai, chair of the publishing company Doshinsha. The late Noriko Matsui is our eternal honorary leader.

Since the establishment of IKAJA in 2001, we have held 35 domestic kamishibai seminars and issued 35 semiannual Japanese newsletters as well as 16 annual English newsletters. But half a year's worth of workshops on kamishibai performance and creation, as well as our annual November seminar, have had to be put off until 2021. So have events that were previously scheduled to take place in China and Malaysia. We have never felt so keenly how culture comes to life when people gather!

#### **NEW!**

## Kamishibai at Home! Campaign

The joy of *kyokan* through kamishibai begins when we share kamishibai with someone other than ourselves—even one other special person. As an experiment during coronavirus times, IKAJA began its "Kamishibai at Home!" Campaign in April 2020. We have been gathering photos and video of people enjoying kamishibai at home, to share on both our Facebook page and our website. Please consider joining us by submitting your photo, video, or comments! Look for details at these sites:

https://www.kamishibai-ikaja.com/en/activities/kamishibai-at-home-eng.html

https://www.facebook.com/IKAJA.kamishibai

## Membership

Domestic individual members: 541 Domestic group members: 13

International individual members: 284 International group members: 19





## Membership Fee

Annual membership fee for a member from North America, Europe, Oceania countries or China is 1000 yen for an individual and 5000 yen for a group/organization. Annual membership fee for a member from countries and regions other than the above is 500 yen for an individual and 2500 yen for a group/organization.

PayPal is the easiest way for us; however, if it is difficult to use, please consult with us. We'll think about other options.

If you would like to invite your friends to join IKAJA, you can use the following link <a href="https://www.kamishibai-ikaja.com/documents/">https://www.kamishibai-ikaja.com/documents/</a> <a href="https://www.kamishibai-ikaja.com/documents/">https://www.kamishibai-ikaja.com/documents/</a> <a href="https://www.kamishibai-ikaja.com/documents/">Membership-Application-Form.pdf</a> or the Membership Application Form on the next page.

## **English-Language Website**

Please visit IKAJA's English-language website. It has been revamped so it can easily be viewed by cell phone.

http://www.kamishibai-ikaja.com/en/

Doshinsha Publishing Co., Ltd. also has an English-language page on its website :

http://www.doshinsha.co.jp/kamishibai/translations/

## In Memory

We regret to inform you that Mr. Seiichi Tabata, the illustrator of wonderful picture books and kamishibai, including *Kamii the Robot* and *Father*, passed away on 7 June 2020. He was all in all to us. We will focus on his life and work in a forthcoming issue.

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### If you would like to become a member of IKAJA, please photocopy this page and fill in the form.

Send the form to our FAX number: 81-422-49-8990.

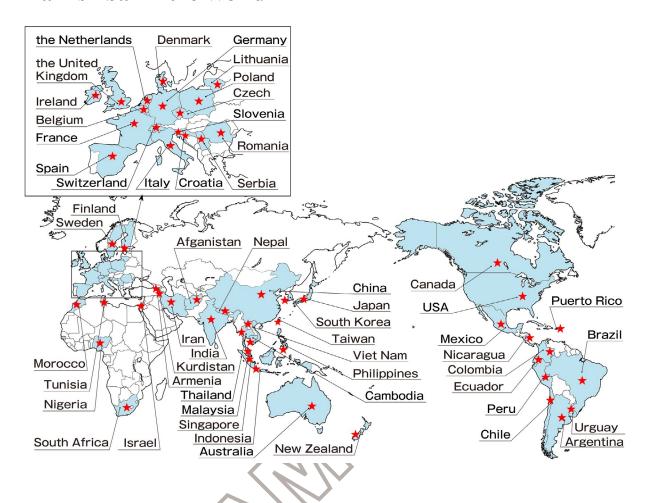
Or contact us by e-mail: <a href="mailto:kamishibai@ybb.ne.jp">kamishibai@ybb.ne.jp</a>

Membership Application Form
I would like to be an Individual / Group Member of IKAJA. (Please choose.)
Date:
Mr. / Ms. / Dr. First Name:
Family Name:
Date of Birth (D/M/Y):
Nationality:
Home Address:
Home TEL/FAX:
Home E-mail Address (if any):
Profession or Main Activities:
Office Address (if any):
Department/Position:
Office Tel/FAX
Office E-mail Address (if any):

# **Benefits of Becoming a Member**

After we receive your Membership Application Form and Membership Fee, you will receive *Kamishibai Newsletter* Vol. 10 in digital format as a welcome gift. It is an useful beginner's guide about the theory and history of kamishibai. The latest issue of the *Kamishibai Newsletter* will then be sent to you in autumn via e-mail. In addition, the participation fee for the annual Kamishibai Seminar in Tokyo is free for International Members living outside Japan.

## Kamishibai In the World



Our membership has grown to include 554 domestic members and 303 international members, for a grand total of 857 members. We have also welcomed members based in Armenia, Iran, and Lithuania for the first time, so that 54 countries and territories are now represented in our organization (as of September 2020).

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