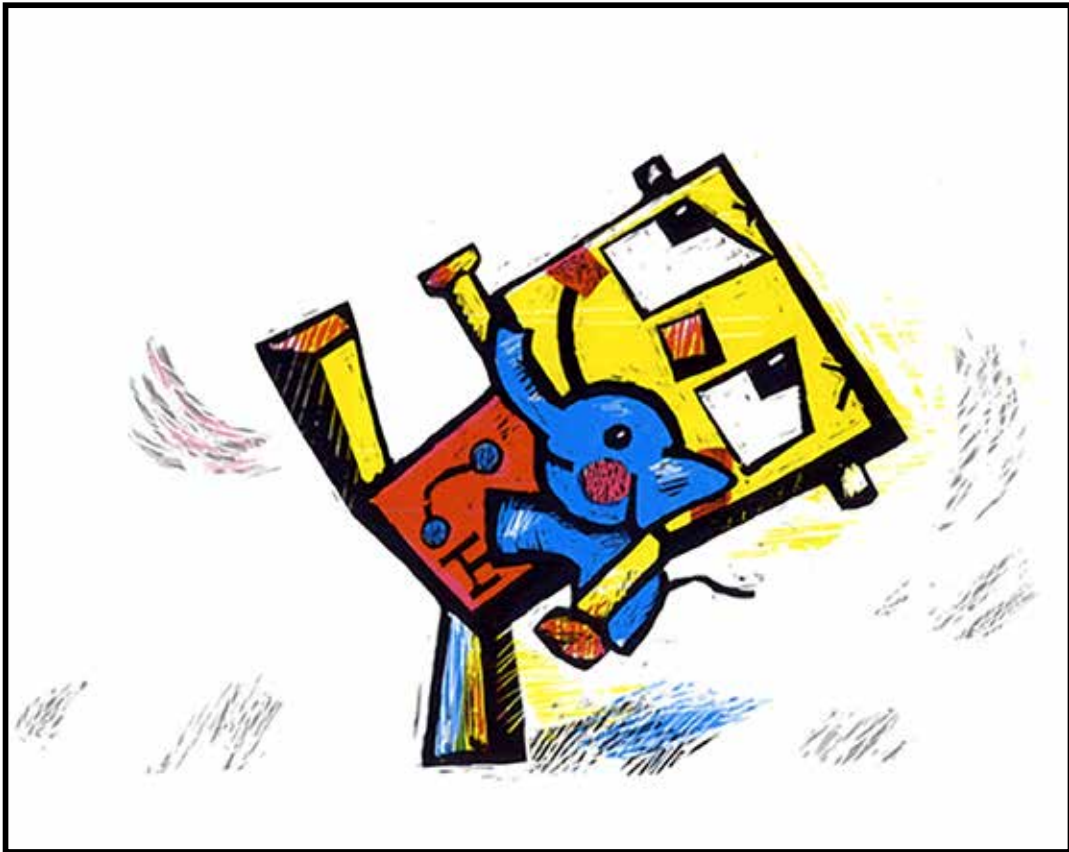


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紙芝居文化の会

From IKAJA in Tokyo

In November 2016, we held a special seminar to celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of IKAJA's founding. Illustrator Seiichi Tabata joined us, offering words that everyone involved in kamishibai—indeed, in children's culture in general—should heed. Five international members participated in the seminar, from China, the Netherlands, Malaysia, Mexico, the USA and Peru! Also this past year, IKAJA members visited China and Singapore in 2016, and Thailand and Malaysia in 2017, helping kamishibai to spread in Asia. We also encouraged kamishibai in Germany. Here in *Kamishibai Newsletter* Volume 13, we present IKAJA at age fifteen. We hope you will enjoy our smorgasbord of offerings.

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Membership Application Form

IKAJA's International Members are from such countries as:

Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Puerto Rico, Romania, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Tunisia, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, the United States, Viet Nam.
(301 international members in 45 countries and regions in total as of August 2017)

the theme, “How to Create Kamishibai.” At the end of the sessions, it was gratifying to see that participants could learn and perform kamishibai. There is a special interest in kamishibai in Malaysia now, as MBBY is encouraging members to use it when promoting stories and reading to children in libraries, schools and kindergartens. MBBY is an IKAJA group member; IKAJA Malaysia (IKAMA) formed in 2013 and now has more than 40 individual members. The liaison officer of IKAMA is Ms. Alimah Salam, who is one of the founder members of Malaysia IBBY.

Report from Germany

In October, I held a kamishibai seminar at the Bensheim City Library in a suburb of Frankfurt. The seminar was timed to coincide with a donation of twelve kamishibai works and a stage from the group Karl Kübel Stiftung für Kind und Familie (Karl Kübel Stiftung Organization for Children and Families). I shared with the audience about kamishibai as a culture of *kyokan*. The audience consisted mainly of early childhood educators, many of whom were seeing kamishibai for the first time. They talked excitedly afterward about potential uses of kamishibai in awakening interest in language, and in integrating children of refugees, whose numbers have risen sharply.



A German participant's first attempt at performing kamishibai.

Deepest thanks to ThaiBBY and TK park in Thailand, MBBY and IKAMA in Malaysia, and last but not least Karl Kübel Stiftung Organization for Children and Families in Germany. IKAJA is always grateful for the cooperation of kamishibai partners in the world.