

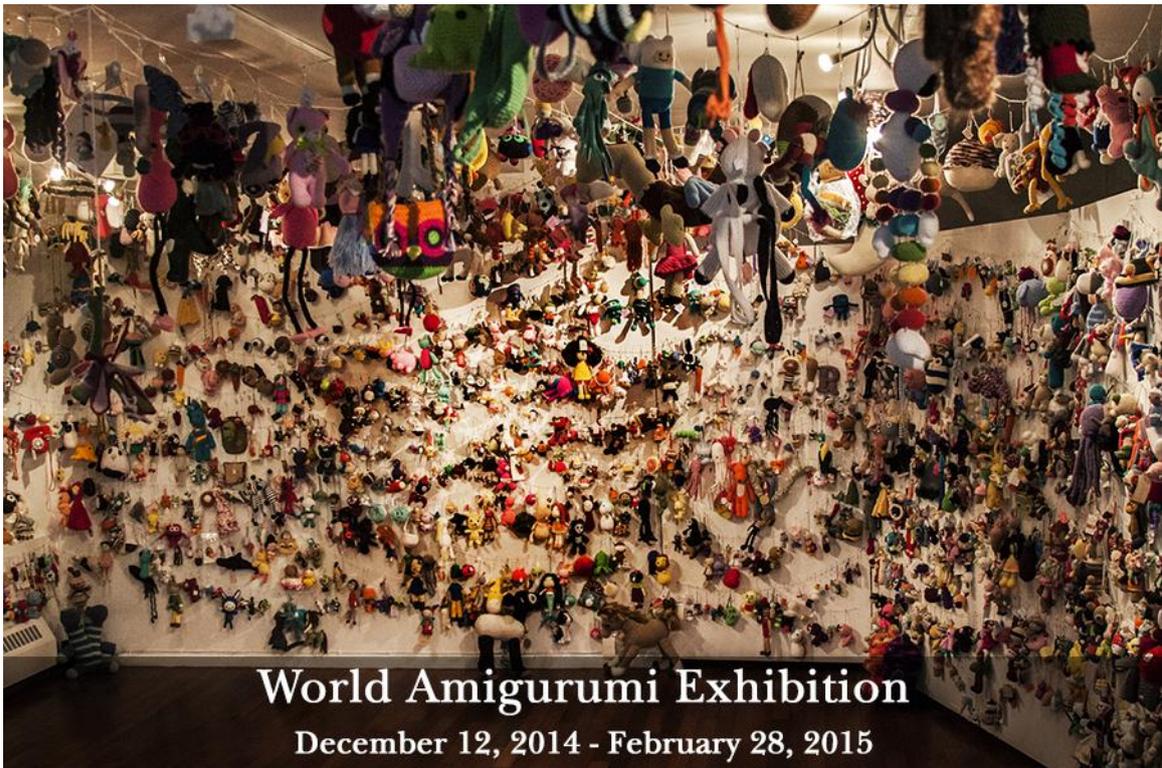


PRESS RELEASE

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RESOBOX Gallery
41-26 27th Street,
LIC, NY 11101 USA

World Amigurumi Exhibition



Description: In this two and a half month long exhibition, Resobox Gallery will be turned into an “amigurumi room”, filled to the brim with cute crocheted and knitted creatures contributed by artists from around the world.

Date: Friday, December 12, 2014 to Saturday, February 28, 2015.

Where: RESOBOX Gallery

41-26 27th St. Long Island City, NY, USA 11101

(Between Queens Plaza North and 41 St. Ave.)

Google Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/Rh1Oi>

Subway: Take N, Q, or 7 to Queensboro Plaza or E, M, R to Queens Plaza

Gallery Hours:

Mon, Wed–Fri: 11:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M. Sat/Sun: 12:00 P.M.–5:00 P.M. Tue: Closed

Contact: Takashi Ikezawa (Owner/President), 718-784-3680, info@resobox.com

Event Page: <http://resobox.com/amigurumi-world-14/>

Video – Opening party: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=URFan662dQs>

Exhibit Overview

Beginning December 12, 2014, Resobox Gallery will be exhibiting **4,000 amigurumi contributed by over 140 artists from 32 different countries**. Resobox Gallery wants to turn the space into an “amigurumi room”, filled to the brim with cuddly and cute handmade creatures. This is a unique exhibition in that it’s not highlighting an individual artist, but a concept. The concept, amigurumi, is a culture that began in Japan, but is now cherished by crocheters and knitters all over the world. Resobox Gallery was so inspired by the amount of amigurumi artists out there that they decided to embark on a journey to create an exhibition showcasing the united, global love of this cute craft.

All of these wonderful handmade amigurumi will be for sale. Great for Christmas, New Year’s, and Valentine’s Day gifts for all ages. Most pieces range from \$20 to \$50.

About Amigurumi

Amigurumi (lit. crocheted or knitted stuffed toy) is the Japanese art of knitting or crocheting small stuffed animals and anthropomorphic creatures. The word is derived from a combination of the Japanese words **ami**, meaning crocheted or knitted, and **nuigurumi**, meaning stuffed doll. Amigurumi are typically animals, but can include artistic renderings or inanimate objects endowed with anthropomorphic features, as is typical in Japanese culture. (Wikipedia)

Amigurumi & RESOBOX Gallery

Amigurumi stems from animism, a philosophy in the foundations of many Japanese traditions and customs. Animism is the belief that gods belong to everything: water, food, nature, buildings and houses, even technology. In Japanese, this is called “Yaoyorozu no Kami”. In fact, Japanese people often put eyes, arms, and legs onto non-human objects and give them imaginary lives in order to feel closer to these objects and show them respect as co-existing partners in this world.

As a Japanese cultural center located in Queens, NY, one of the most diverse cultural areas in the world, Resobox Gallery wants to explore how the ideas of animism and amigurumi are perceived in other places internationally.

Collaboration With Vogue Knitting Live NYC



RESOBOX Gallery will be appearing at Vogue Knitting Live NYC at a pop-up World Amigurumi Exhibition booth. Also, on January 18, 2015 from 11:15 am – 12:00 pm, Takashi Ikezawa, creator and owner of RESOBOX will provide a lecture about the company, including why and how the cultural center began its “World Amigurumi Exhibition.

Vogue Knitting Live NYC will take place at the Marriott Marquis, January 16-18, 2015. For more information about Vogue Knitting Live NYC, please visit their website at <http://www.vogueknittinglive.com/ehome/90620/>

Our Partners

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- 日本あみぐるみ協会 Japan Amigurumi Association (<http://amigurumi.jp/>)
 - Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/amigurumijp>
- Amigurumi Patterns.net (<http://www.amigurumipatterns.net/>)
- CROCHET GEEK ([YouTube](#))



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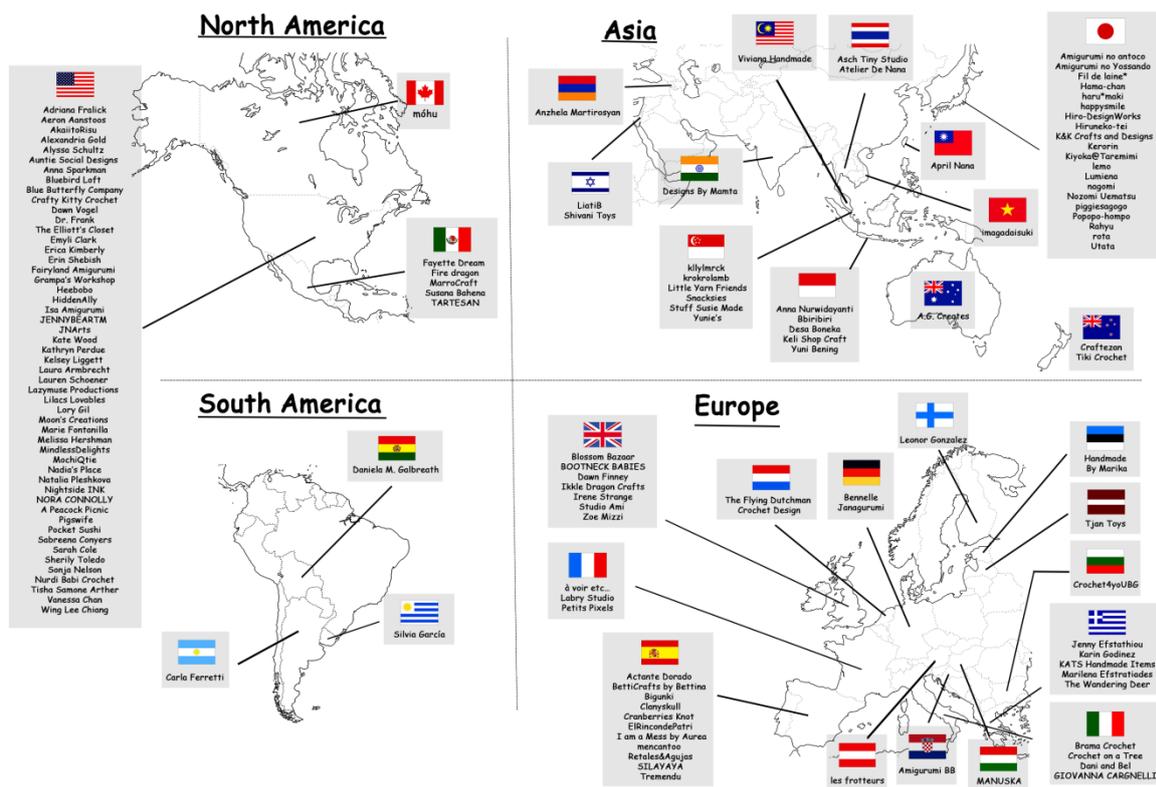


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Where in the World Are Our Amigurumi Artists?



**4,000 Amigurumi created by over 144 artists
from 32 different countries!**

For a full list of artists that are contributing to this exhibition, please visit our Website at <http://resobox.com/amigurumi-world-14/>

Photo Gallery



Dessert Time at RESOBOX Gallery



Photo Courtesy of Mamta Motiyani



Photo Courtesy of Pocket Sushi

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