

Handmade String Doll Gang™ Characters Beat Mass Produced Products to the Punch

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Each character comes with his or her own name, accessories, and attitude. For example, Monster Man, despite the screws in his head, wears a big heart on his chest. Captain Bad the pirate is another favorite with his peg leg, hoop earring, eye patch, and hook. (www.kamibashi.com)

How you use your string doll is entirely up to you. Suitable as a keychain, bag charm, fashion accessory or holiday ornament, the String Doll Gang™ members are as versatile as they are unique.

“They’re irresistible pick-up items because they make the customers smile,” said Sophie Truong, Product Development Manager and Buyer for the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. “They each have a personality of their own,” she remarked, adding, “They make you think of some of Yoshitomo Nara’s characters - cute and evil at the same time.”

Launched by Kamibashi Asian Art and Textiles at the National Stationery Show in New York this May, the String Doll Gang™ garnered a lot of attention in their first public appearance. “Buyers of all ages and from all different kinds of stores loved them,” said Kamibashi founder Kristen Daniels.

Daniels discovered the characters while on a buying trip in Thailand earlier this year and immediately secured an exclusive contract with the trio who invented them when they were university students. “Every doll is skillfully made. There’s no frame or anything underneath – just string,” she said. “Each one is a little piece of art.”

To meet the whole gang visit www.kamibashi.com, or Booth 2326 at the California Gift Show in Los Angeles July 22-25. For more information contact Kristen Daniels at 828-683-7994.

About Kamibashi Asian Art and Textiles

Kamibashi is an online retail and wholesale store that specializes in bringing eclectic, contemporary Asian art and the traditional weavings of Southeast Asia to the U.S. market. The company was started in 2004 while founder Kristen Daniels and her husband Chris Daniels were living and teaching English at a university in Kyoto, Japan. After retiring from teaching in March of 2005, the pair moved to Asheville, NC and are running Kamibashi full-time.

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