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Kamibashi's String Doll Gang keeps growing

The handmade characters can be found at Craft and Folk Art Museum.

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Latchkey kids, backpack wearers and adults with a sense of

humor may delight in the String Doll Gang, a collection of handmade key chain characters. The gang's ever-growing numbers near 100 and include Ninjette, left, who comes with her own nunchucks; the rocker E-Moe, center; and the baguette-toting Some French Guy. They are imported from Thailand by Kamibashi, a firm founded by North Carolina-based Kristen and Chris Daniels, who met many of the artisans they now employ while teaching English in Kyoto, Japan. The String Doll Gang members can be apprehended for \$10.95 each at the Craft and Folk Art Museum, 5814 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles; (323) 937-4230;

www.kamibashi.com.

-- David A. Keeps



Sout Key Chain: Two members of the String Doll Gang. (Mel Malcon / Los Angeles Times)