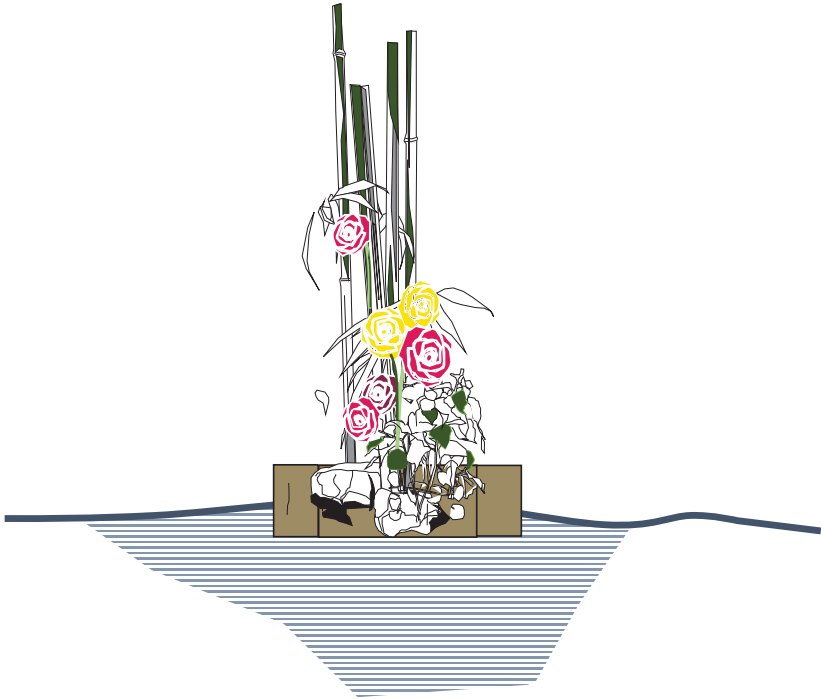




United Flowers Amsterdam

Japanese Flower-Arrangement Art meets the Amsterdam Canals

Ryoko Nishimura



June 12th to 17th, Hobbemakade (next to the Rijksmuseum)

Open for public day and night

Openingsceremony 13th of June at 3 PM

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By invitation of Deshima AIR Amsterdam the Japanese artist Ryoko Nishimura will realise a flower-exhibition on the *Watertuinen* on the Hobbemakade (right next to the Rijksmuseum). The assembly and exhibition of United Flowers Amsterdam will be on display from the 12th to the 17th of June, both day and night.

Ryoko Nishimura is an Ikebana (Japanese flower-arrangement) artist from Kyoto. She works together with locals and volunteers from the *Watertuinen* to realise this unique project. Japanese Ikebana art has never before been shown in this form in the Netherlands. Western flower-arrangement art is primarily concerned with filling the available space, whilst Ikebana art focuses on creating space. This Japanese mind-set is especially interesting and applicable to community-based initiatives in the increasingly busy Amsterdam (De Pijp).

This project is organized by Deshima Air and Rudy Klaassen.

Ryoko Nishimura on her project:

"I think Ikebana is not just about the beauty of the flower, but also about the beauty of the vase and the surrounding space. For United Flowers Amsterdam I consider Amsterdam to be the vase in which I wish to create a moment of beauty. I have noticed that people from the Netherlands share a common love for flowers. I hope that all passers-by will enjoy my flower-exhibition in the same way."

12th of June	Arranging of the flowers on the <i>Watertuinen</i>
13th of June	3 PM Openingsceremony by Menno Fitski, curator of the Rijksmuseum Asian art pavilion
13th to 17th of June	Exhibition – Open for public day and night

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