Masks

Highlights from National Museum, New Delhi

The beauty of various ceremonial and decorative masks on display reflect the religious, social, cultural and rich intangible heritage of people who create and use them on different occasions across India. Masks created from materials like wood, metal, gourd shell, mixed media etc. show the mastery of the craftsman in using all kinds of available media with dexterity. The expressions reflect communities and their representations of myths and legends.
Mask of a Demon

Karnataka, 20th century
Metal; casted
Acc. no. 92.95
Queen

Monpa Tribe, Arunachal Pradesh
20th century
Acc. no. 65.23
Yak
Monpa Tribe
Arunachal Pradesh, 20th century
Acc. no. 64.1420
Mask of a Man
Monpa Tribe
Arunachal Pradesh, 20th century
Acc. no. 65.11
Face Skull
Monpa Tribe
Arunachal Pradesh, 20th century
Acc. no. 64.1484
Demon
Monpa Tribe
Arunachal Pradesh, 20th century
Acc. no. 65.420
Animal
Odisha, 20th century
Carved
Acc. no. 64.1306
Bearded Man
Madhya Pradesh, 20th century
Carved; painted
Acc. no. 64.1713
Demon
Fulbani district, Odisha
20th century
Gourd shell; beads
Acc. no. 64.841
Mask of Goddess Durga
West Bengal, 20th century
Palm leaf; varnished
Acc. no. 72.45
Visiting Information

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