

Some characters in the Hahoe mask drama

There were originally 12 characters in the Hahoe mask drama, but only nine still exist. Here is a description of some of the mask characters.



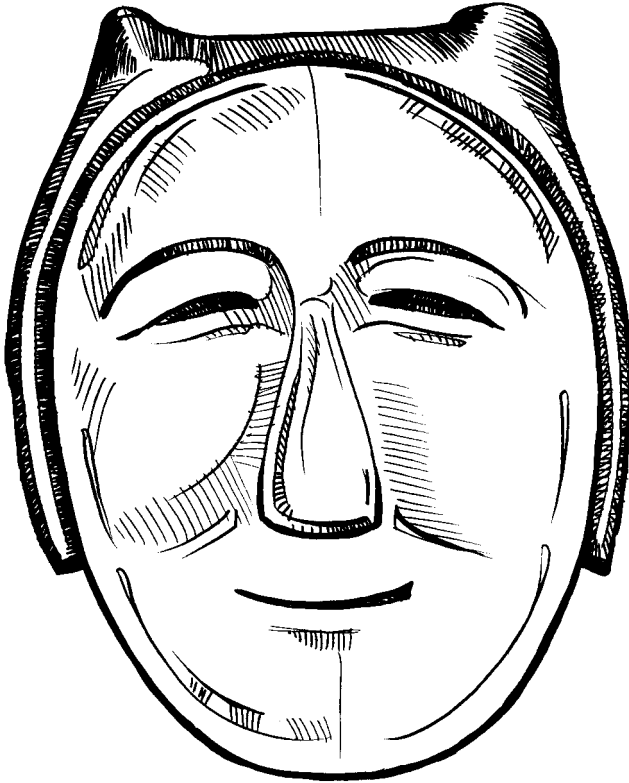
The Scholar Mask (*Sonbi T'al*): The tip of his nose is wide and he has well-developed cheek bones. He is dignified but discontented. He wears blue. Although he is supposed to be studying, he seems to waste a lot of time. He also considers himself better than other people. The Nobleman and the Scholar represent the rich landowners and are authority figures. Although they are richer and more powerful than other characters, they may often be shown to be lazy and not particularly clever.

The Village Fool Mask (*Imae T'al*): He has a happy-go-lucky face which shows that he is simple-minded. His nose is crooked and he has down-slanted eyes. He is also a servant and does not speak much. This is the only mask without a chin.



The Meddler Mask (*Choraengi T'al*): He has a lopsided brown face, with buck teeth. He is a servant. He acts hastily and cannot resist interfering in other people's lives. He is the person who always wants to pass on the latest gossip about other people.





The Punye Mask (*Punye T'al*): Punye is an attractive young woman with an oval face. She is heavily made up and has a smiling face, a high nose and semi-circular eyebrows. She may be a professional entertainer, working for the Nobleman.



The Nobleman Mask (*Yangban T'al*): He has a long black beard to show his dignity. He dresses in white. When he looks up he appears to be cheerful and smiling, but when he looks down he appears angry. He moves slowly and considers himself better than other people.



The Old Granny Mask (*Halmi T'al*): She has a small brown face which shows the hard life she has had. She has a big mouth, showing that she is always hungry, and also that she is always talking. She has a whining voice and may talk to the audience about what the other characters are doing and saying.