



Yamanba (mountain old woman)

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Primary Maker

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Medium

Cypress wood, natural pigments

Description

Yamanba, literally "mountain old woman," is the name of both the play and its central character. The noh draws on legends of an old woman living in the mountains that

have inspired Japanese artists for centuries. She is an enigma: a god, a demon, an entertainer, a mother; she is enlightened, tormented, helpful, and harmful. Mask is of an older woman with silver hair, gold gilded eyes and teeth. Fluffy eyebrow hair.