

# Kabuki

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The stage,/ known as "hanamichi,"/ **extends** into the **spectators**,/ allowing actors to **interact** closely with them.// This closeness makes the performances very **engaging**,/ with spectators often clapping and **cheering**/ to show their enjoyment.// Traditional musical instruments/ like drums and flutes/ provide live music during the plays,/ adding to the overall **atmosphere**.//

Kabuki holds a special place in Japanese culture/ and has **evolved** over time.// Originally enjoyed by **common folk**,/ it continues to be popular today/ for its **lively** performances and **compelling** stories.// Its **influence** can be seen/ in **various aspects** of Japanese art and entertainment.//

歌舞伎は日本の演劇の伝統的な形式である / 続いている / 400年以上も // それはよく知られている / その鮮やかな衣装や / 大胆なメイク / 大げさな動きで // 歌舞伎の演目はよく物語を語る / 愛、勇気、歴史的出来事について // 興味深いことに / 男性俳優が男性役も女性役も演じる / 素晴らしい技術と情熱で //

舞台は / 「花道」として知られ / 観客席まで伸びており / 俳優が観客と密接に交流することを可能にする // この近さはパフォーマンスをとっても魅力的にする / 観客が手拍子をしたり歓声をあげたりして / 彼らの歓喜を表現する為に // 伝統的な楽器は / 太鼓やフルートのような / 劇中に生演奏を提供し / 全体の雰囲気盛り上げる //

歌舞伎は日本文化の中で特別な位置を占めており / 時代をまたにかけ進化してきた // もともとは庶民に楽しまれていたものだが / 今日でも人気であり続ける / その生き生きとしたパフォーマンスと説得力のあるストーリーによって // その影響は見られる / 日本のアートやエンタメのさまざまな側面に //

## Vocabulary and Phrases

theater	演劇	atmosphere	雰囲気
bold	大胆な	evolve	進化する
exaggerated	大げさな	common folk	庶民
passion	情熱	lively	活気のある
extend	伸びる	compelling	説得力のある
interact	交流する	influence	影響
spectator	観客	various	さまざまな
engaging	魅力的	aspect	側面
cheer	声援する		

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**【Listen & Fill Blank】**

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**【Q&A / A&Q】**

**Question 1:** What are the characteristics of Kabuki?

**Question 2:** How is the stage designed to make the performances more engaging?

**Question 3:** What instruments are typically used in a Kabuki play?

**Ask 1:** Kabuki actors についての質問を英語で書いてください。

**Ask 2:** Hanamichi についての質問を英語で書いてください。

**Ask 3:** 本文について知りたいことを英語で書いてください。

**Sample Answer 1:** Kabuki is characterized by its bright costumes, bold makeup, and exaggerated movements.

**Sample Answer 2:** It goes out into the spectators, allowing actors to interact closely with them.

**Sample Answer 3:** Drums and flutes.

**Sample Question 1:** Why do male actors perform both male and female characters?

How long does it take for the actors to apply their makeup?

**Sample Question 2:** How big is the “hanamichi”?

Why is it called “hanamichi”?

**Sample Question 3:** What are some well-known stories in Kabuki plays?

How many people play musical instruments in a Kabuki performance?