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Beijing opera: history

• Beijing Opera is the quintessence of China. (国粹)

- It has the history of 160 years.
- Beijing Opera is developed from absorbing many other dramatic forms, mostly from the local drama 'Huiban' which was popular in South China during the 18th century.

Beijing opera: artistic presentation

• Beijing opera is a scenic art integrating music, performance, literature, aria, and face-painting.

• Beijing Opera presents dramatic plays and figures mainly by infusing four artistic methods: singing, dialogue, dancing and martial arts.

Beijing opera: main roles

1. Sheng (生): male characters

2. Dan (旦): female characters





Beijing opera: main roles

- 3. Jing (浄): characters with unique appearance or personality
- 4. Chou (丑): a comic role or villainous character





Beijing opera: Face painting

Face painting (脸谱, lian pu): different colors represent different characters.

For example, red symbolizes loyalty; black signifies honesty and frankness.



Beijing opera:

introduction:

https://youtu.be/ka5z3uYctug

Beijing opera:

Beijing opera 花田错

https://youtu.be/QK4UHU56egM

Music花田错 by Leehong Wang 王力宏

https://youtu.be/ruCXTls3IlQ