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Madhyapur Mask Making

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Channeling Divine Power: Masks crafted in Madhyapur are not mere decorations; they are considered sacred vessels that embody gods, goddesses, and demons during rituals.

Sacred Masked Dances: These masks come alive during ancient Newar traditions like the Mahakali Naach, Neelbarahi Naach, and Layaku Bhaila Naach.

Community Protection: Wearing these masks during festivals like Bisket Jatra is believed to invoke divine protection, ward off evil spirits, and bring prosperity to the community.

Madhyapur mask making in Nepal is a vital cultural, religious, and artistic tradition centered in the historic town of Madhyapur Thimi within the Kathmandu Valley.



Mr. Som Tamang

Som Tamang preserves and creates intricate traditional, religious, and cultural masks.

While deeply rooted in local festivals and jatra traditions, these handcrafted cultural pieces play a vital role in sacred dances, representations of deities, and seasonal Newari festivals.