

# masks

Find them by visiting our exhibitions at the

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find a  
**fierce mask**

at the **between exotism and progress** exhibition...

Masks can hide and tell:  
they cover our faces  
so that we can transform  
into a character, a god,  
or to take part in a ritual.

Teeth, whiskers,  
ears and spots...  
It looks like he  
is about to bite you  
(but he won't!).  
It was worn with  
an elegant costume  
in ceremonies  
in Bolivia  
(South America).



The eyes in these  
wooden masks are two  
little lines. Some of them  
have feathers all around that  
look like disheveled hair.  
In the carnivals of Chaco,  
everybody makes their own  
mask and wears them  
to dance.

find the picture of a  
**carnival mask**  
at the **through the lens** exhibition...

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find the picture of

## Kotax

at the the uppermost part of the world  
exhibition...

He has big black  
and white stripes  
on his body, and  
he wears a mask  
with horns  
as long as arms.

Has he scared you?  
That was his mission!  
Just imagine him:  
jumping and  
moving his arms.



He is Kotaix: the mask and  
the paints were a costume  
that Selknam men (from  
Tierra del Fuego) wore in  
some celebrations.



**masks**  
Did you find  
them all?  
Are you wondering  
where do they  
come from?  
Check this map  
of South America  
and see:

find a  
**stone mask**  
at the from Puna  
to Chaco exhibition (UPPER FLOOR)

They are really  
serious stuff...

We know they were  
part of the grave goods  
of the dead in Andean  
villages, 2000 years ago.

