

# The Geisha

## Background

The Geisha is perhaps one of the most enigmatic social groups of Rokugan culture. A geisha is considered to be an entertainer of men. She provides the necessary romance that few samurai find in their court arranged marriages.

The Geisha provides the samurai with music, poetry, massages, songs and other genteel pastimes. The Geisha will sleep with her charge, but only if she feels it is necessary.

Some clans use Geisha as spies, most notably the Scorpions and Spiders, and there are no better schools than the Hirano school of the Butterfly minor clan. Hirano Geisha are sought after for high level houses in the most auspicious courts and cities.

## The Geisha Views of the Clans

**All:** We live to serve.

## GEISHA

### (PRESTIGE CLASS)

#### Requirements

To qualify to become a Geisha, a character must fulfill all the following criteria.

**Base Attack Bonus:** + 2

**Clan:** Any.

**Feats:** Alertness.

**Special:** Must be non-samurai.

#### Class Skills

The Geisha's class skills (and key ability for each skill) are Concentration (Con), Diplomacy (Cha), Disguise (Cha), Gather Information (Cha), Innuendo (Wis), Listen (Wis), Sense Motive (Wis). (See the *Player's Handbook™* for skill descriptions).

**Skill Points at Each Level:** 4 + Intelligence modifier.

#### Class Features

None

## Geisha School

**Benefit:** +1 Perception

**Beginning Honor:** 1

## Skills

Seduction, Athletics, Dance, Singing, Poetry, +2 Low/Merchant skills.

A low house geisha will often have skills such as Stealth, Gambling, Seduction or even Hojojitsu. A mid level house geisha might have skills such as Tea Ceremony, Lore (stories), or even acting. High level houses would likely teach such skills as Sincerity, Etiquette, Courtier or Acting or send their girls to the Hirano Geisha School.

## Techniques

No techniques are learned unless the Geisha is destined for a high level house. If so, she is sent to the Hirano Geisha School of the Butterfly minor clan.

## Your Outfit

(All items considered to be of average quality)  
Kimono, sandals, hat, fan, umbrella, small satchel for worldly goods and extra clothes.

## Noted Geisha

*Mai* – Current favorite of a powerful Crane Clan Daimyo's eldest son, Mai harbours a deadly secret that would have her as well as her lover killed if it were discovered. Her lover, totally smitten with her, has been teaching her the basics of kenjutsu.

*Yuri* – Believed to be the highest paid Geisha outside the capital of Otosan-uchi, Yuri lives in Ryoko Owari Toshi, in the lands of the Scorpion, receiving many visitors of noble birth.

*Magdalan* – Owner of the House of Foreign Stories in Ryoko Owari Toshi, Magdalan is of gaijin birth, brought back to Rokugan by one of the Unicorn clan's many trade caravans. She known for her pale blonde hair, blue eyes and incredible stories about the lands beyond Rokugan.

## Nemuranai

*Sakura's Fan*

Sakura was a Geisha to Emperor Hantei XVI. She was his favorite and would often spend many nights entertaining him. Her fan is said to contain a secret map in its design that would

allow someone to enter the Forbidden Palace and gain entrance to the Emperor's personal quarters.

This map gives 10 ranks of Area Knowledge (Otosan Uchi).

This fan has a map that gives the user a +10 to all rolls that deal with searching or locating areas and objects in Otosan Uchi.

#### *Sakura's Zephyr*

The stringed instrument of Sakura which she used to lull the Emperor into sleep. This instrument is said to be able to put anyone to sleep if played by the right musician.

This instrument can cast Sleep 5 times a day.

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