

# Introducing Pharos An International Consortium of Photoarchives

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# What are photo archives?



- historical collections of photographic reproductions of works of art, many never published elsewhere
- Rich in documentation about the work: condition, attribution, ownership, etc
- browsing collections organized by medium, nationality, and/or artists
- richly annotated by trusted scholars, often with opinions never subsequently published

# Early drawings and oil sketches by Edward Hopper (1882–1967) from the Kennedy Gallery archives



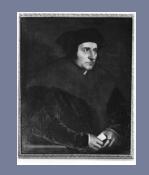
# Photograph of Holbein's Sir Thomas More with 9 copies or versions



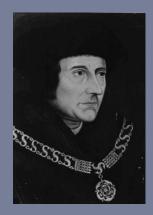




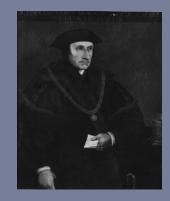










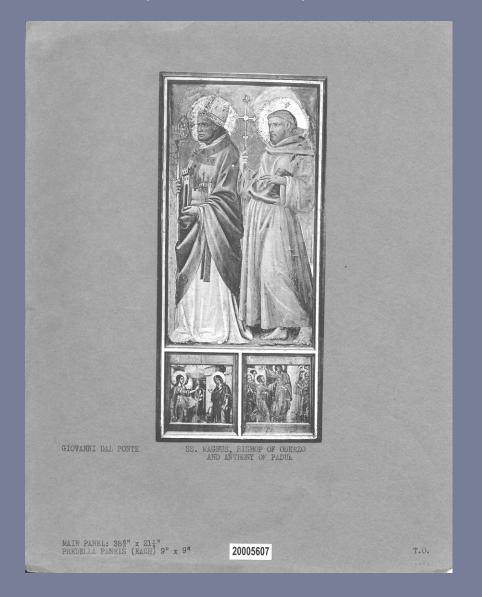




# Madonna and Child attributed to a follower of Giovanni Bellini (Fogg Museum, Harvard University)



The curators at the Philadelphia Museum of Art were unaware that this panel by Giovanni dal Ponte (1385-1437) once had a Byzantine predella attached to it until they found this reproduction from 1906 in the Frick's photoarchive







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OIL ON PANEL 51.4 x 96.5 cm.

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Changes Over Time





HOLY FAMILY (DETAIL)

MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS HOUSTON

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'd) 3. 1325. (CONTINUED ON DETAIL)

"Cooper, London W-5944 (FARL negative); source "c", fig. 552 (as "Florentine, between Glovanni da Ponte and Masolino"); source "c", pl. fol. p.166, pl.126, fig. 29 (as Masolino de Panicale) (in collection of Senatore Contini-Bonacossi, Florence); source "f" (see "Detail 1") (as Masolino de Panicale); (f)"Ehristie's Season,1980", p.6 (as School of Fra Angelico).
Salmi, "Masaccio", 2nd edition, 1948, pl.184 (as kasolino da Panicale).

(h) On long loan at the Palazzo Vecchio, Florence (placed there by the Italian state)(g)(see Collections, continued, on "Detail 1").

COLLECTIONS: (a) Duke of Leeds and Other Collections Sale, Christie's, London, June 20, 1930 (64)(from "Different properties" section)(as School of Fra Angelico)(Bellesi, L1675.); (c) formerly Contini Bonacossi, Florence; (f) it was sold from that cellection during World War II; in 1949 it was cn loan in the Eavarian State Paintings Cellections (g)(presumably in the Alte Pirakotek, Musich) from the "Collecting point" (g)(of pictures, dispersed from their collection, found in Germany after World War II by U.S. army officials)(f)(as Masoline da Panicale);(CONTP) ON DESCRIPTION: (a) "School of Fra Angelico: The Madonna in pink and blue robes, DETAIL 1) seated, nurturing the Infant Saviour."

(b) Stylistically this Madonna of Humility is to be placed within

(b) Stylistically this Madonna of Humility is to be placed within the circle of Lorenzo Monaco and Giovanni del Ponte, rather than that of Fra Angelico, with whom there is no affiliation. Attributed tentatively to Dr. Offner's "Master of the Griggs Crucifixion", from comparison especially with the Madonna formerly owned by Pleischmann (Munich dealer) and in the FARL file of the master's works

between Flovanni da Fonte and Masoline; by the "Master of 1519".

(d) histod by Berenson, 1968 (posthumous publication) as Florentine, between Flovanni da Fonte and Masoline; by the "Master of 1519".

(d) Not by the Master of the Griggs Crucifixion, nor Masoline da Panicale: by a very rare and beautiful Florentine master of about 1425. To be

classified merely as Florentine School, 15th century.

(e) Had been attributed to Masolino de Panicale by Longhi, in 1940 FRANCE Scharf, in "Zeitschrift für Kunstgeschichte", 1932, v.T. p.312 (in "Notizen und Nachrichten" section, as a picture by Masolino da Panicals, seld in 1930 as school of Fra Angelico, which Berenson omits from his "Italian Pictures of the Renaissance", 1932.); Salmi, "Masaccie", 2nd edition, 1948, p.111, 211-212 (Tav. 184)(as Masolino da Panicale).

(a) Catelogue, Duke of Leeds and Other Collection (priced copy).

(b) FARL (IMH, October 1947).

(c) Berenson, "Italian Pictures of the Renaissance: Florentine School", 1963 (posthumous publication), v.1, p.216.

(d) Dr. Federico Zeri, at FARL, November 29, 1965 (DMH)?

(e) Longhi, in "Lá Critica d'Arte", July-December 1940, v.5, p.169-170.

(f) Oertel, in "Die Kunst und das Schöne Heim", April 1949, v.47, no.1, p.1-2, 5.

(g) FARL (DMH, January 1970).

(h) Dr. Federico Zeri, letter dated Mentana, January, 16,71970 (in FARL file of correspondince)

<sup>(</sup>a) Catalogue, Duke of Leeds and Other Collections Sale, June 20, 1980, p.12 (64)

# PHAROS: An International Consortium of Photo Archives – First meeting, January 2013

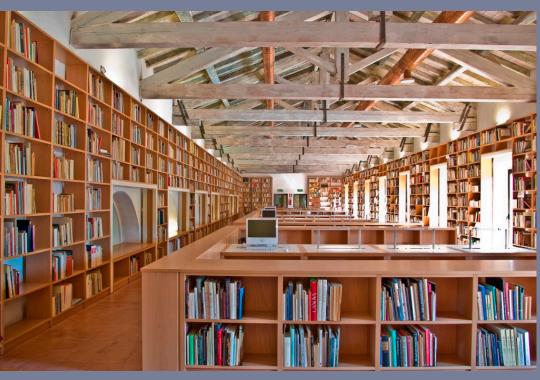






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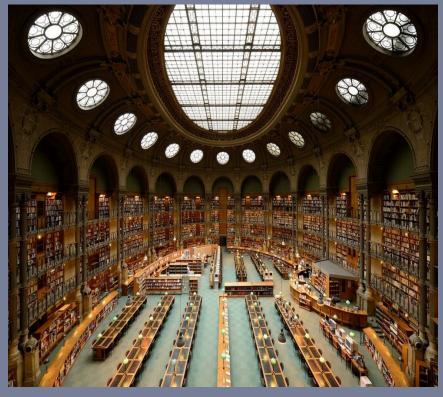
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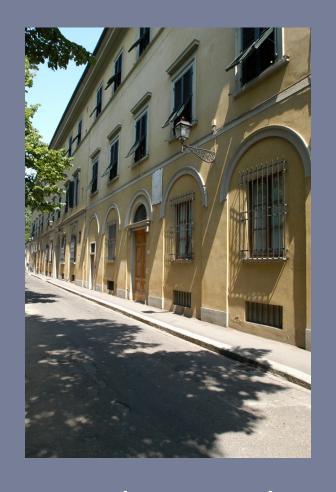


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Kunsthistorisches Institut Florence (650,000)



National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C. (7,600,000)





Paul Mellon Centre London (185,000) RKD – Netherlands
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The Hague
(7,000,000)





Warburg Institute, London (3,500,000) Yale Center for British
Art,
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(132,000)

# Primary objective for PHAROS



# To establish a

- common research platform
- freely available
- includes the images and their formal documentation
- includes a space for aggregation, research, and sharing





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Posted 22 Feb 2015, 12:05 by Dominic Oldman

#### CONTEXTUAL SEMANTIC SEARCH OF CULTURAL DATA

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Posted 1 Dec 2014, 04:10 by Dominic Oldman



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Posted 30 Nov 2014, 07:12 by Dominic Oldman

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#### Open Data Institute

British Museum CIDOC CRM SPARQL Endpoint receives perfect score from Open Data Institute in comparison of Cultural Heritage open datasets.



The ResearchSpace project is developing a collaborative environment for humanities and cultural heritage research using knowledge representation and Semantic Web technologies. The project includes work to;

- Provide accessible methods for utilising the CIDOC CRM standard and official extensions.
- Integrate heterogeneous data without losing meaning or perspective
- Create a Contextual Search System and other collaborative tools

See out project pages for more details (tba)

#### Who's Using CIDOC CRM

Some projects are highlighted on this site - click here

Other projects that use CIDOC CRM are posted on the at http://cidoccrm.org/uses\_applications.html



#### Talk to us about contextual search systems

The ResearchSpace Team can offer consultancy for organisations and projects particularly on knowledge representation, Linked Data and Semantic Web techniques as well as a range of other digital research methods like natural language processing. The team are uniquely placed within the British Museum possessing considerable

knowledge and experience with access to a wide range of cross disciplinary expertise.

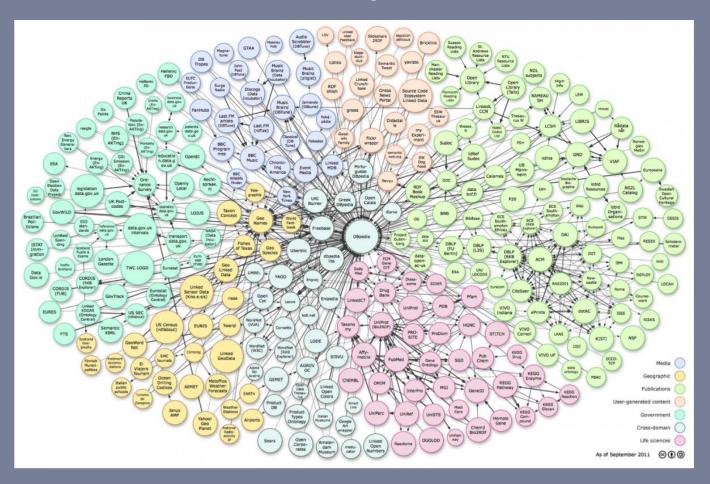
- Triple/Quad and Graph databases (as well as traditional relational systems).
- Semantic Web publication. Specialists in Semantic Search solutions.
- Semantic (Linked Data) open source software development.
- CIDOC Conceptual Reference Model and other established ontologies.
- · Ontology implementation and design.
- Data mapping and transformation.
- Natural Language Processing
- Design and specifications transforming traditional approaches into practical Semantic Web applications.
- Specialist Project Management.

Contact Sarah Mengler on tel: 0207 323 8809



CIDOC -CRM (International Council of Museums Committee for Museum Documentation – Conceptual Reference Model): A set of standards for the exchange of cultural heritage information

Linked Open Data: using the Web to connect related data that wasn't previously wasn't linked; a term used to describe a recommended best practice of exposing, sharing, and connecting pieces of information or knowledge



# What are we aggregating?

- In time, more institutional partners
- Expand coverage to include Asia, Africa, and Latin America
- Access to more than 30 million images
- Access to metadata and scholarly annotations, never available in one place before
- Image = image and metadata



# Traditional research outcomes

- provenance and attribution
- conservation research
- exhibition research
- publication and reception
- history of photography
- the history of art history



# New research outcomes

- brought about by leveraging linked data, data visualization, computer vision, big data aggregation and analysis
- effect of conservation treatments over time
- study of the photograph itself; and how photography has changed the course of history



# John Resig, Creator of JQuery; Dean of Computer Science, Kahn Academy



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# Early Ukiyo-e (Early-Mid 1700s)











Artist: Ichirakutei Eisui

Title: The Oiran Tsukasa of the Ogi-ya

Date: 1795-97

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# Conservation





Repairs and possibly removal of later additions.

# Conservation





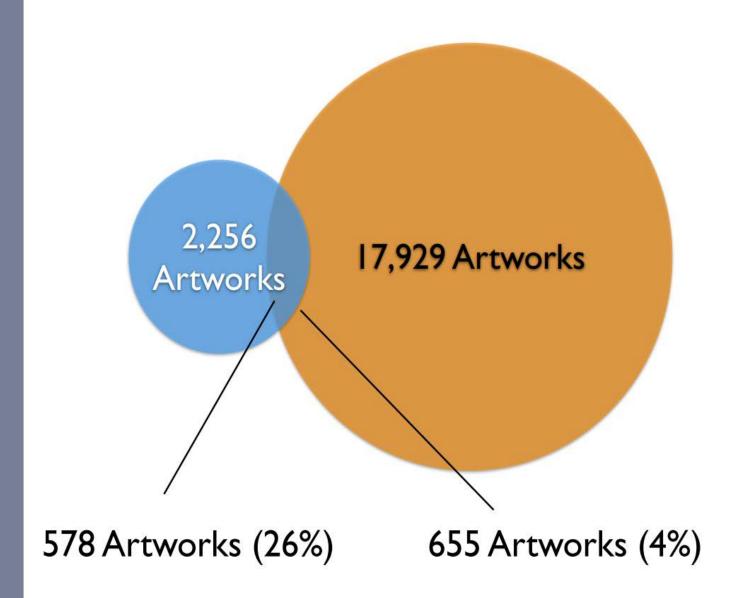
Analysis even spots dramatic conservation work.

# Copies





# 15thC Frick-Zeri Artwork Matches



# Comparison of text and images found in 3 photoarchives

### Florentine school, Tobias and the archangel Raphael with three donors, 15th c., present location unknown

Source of information: Frick Art Reference Library; Zeri Foundation; Biblioteca Berenson, Fototeca In black: Information recorded in two or three db

#### Subject (Work of Art/Photoghaphs)

Tobia e l'arcangelo Raffaele con tre donatori; Dio Padre Benedicente

#### Attribution (Work of Art)

Anonimo fiorentino sec. XV (Attr. Offner, Classificazione Frick) Anonimo senese sec. XV (Collezione Volpi; Asta American Art Association, 1916) Neri di Bicci (Asta Palazzo Davanzati, 1934, Asta Christie's, 1967)

Bicci di Lorenzo (Classificazione Biblioteca Berenson)

Apollonio di Giovanni (Classificazione Fondazione Zeri)

#### Previous locations (Work of Art), in chronological order

Firenze, Collezione Volpi

New York, Asta American Art Association, 1916

G.K. Stetson

Firenze, Asta Palazzo Davanzati, 1934

Firenze, Galleria Bellini

New York, French & Co.

New Windsor (MD), Collezione Thomas S. Hyland

Greenwich (CT), Collezione Thomas S. Hyland Londra, Asta Christie's, 23 giugno 1967

New York, Asta Sotheby's, 17 gennaio 1985

### Date (Work of Art)

1400-1499

1435-1465

1400-1452

#### Photographs

Brogi, 1914 ca.

American Art Association, 1916

Brogi, 1926-1930 ca.

French & co. 1950ca.

Anonimo, 1959 ca.

A.C. Cooper, 1967 Anonimo, 1980-2000

### Photographs (in chronological order)









Zeri (Brogi, 1914 ca.)

Frick (A.A.Association 1916)

Zeri (Brogi, 1930 ca.) Zeri (French & co. 1950 ca.)

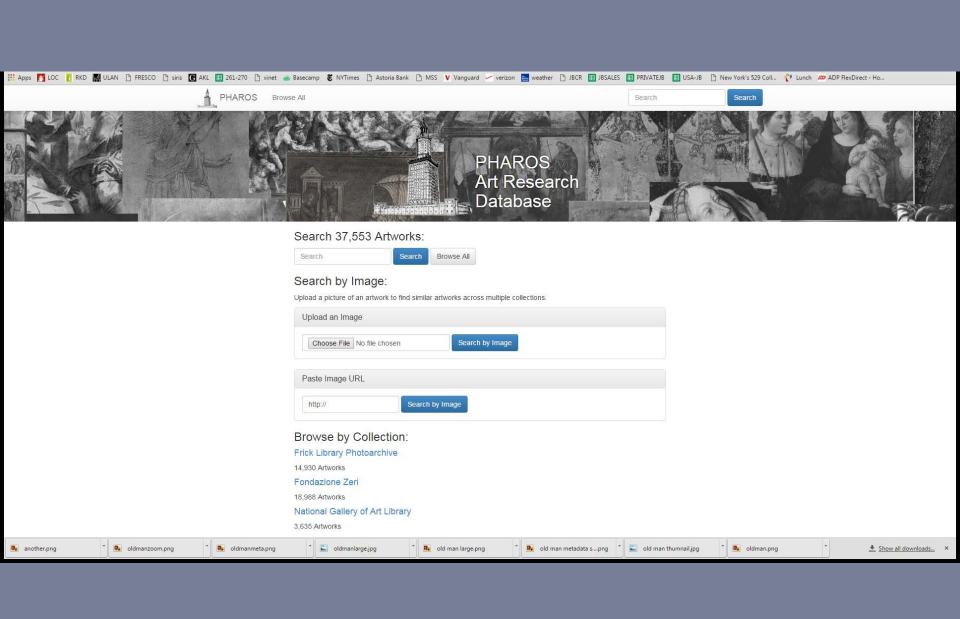


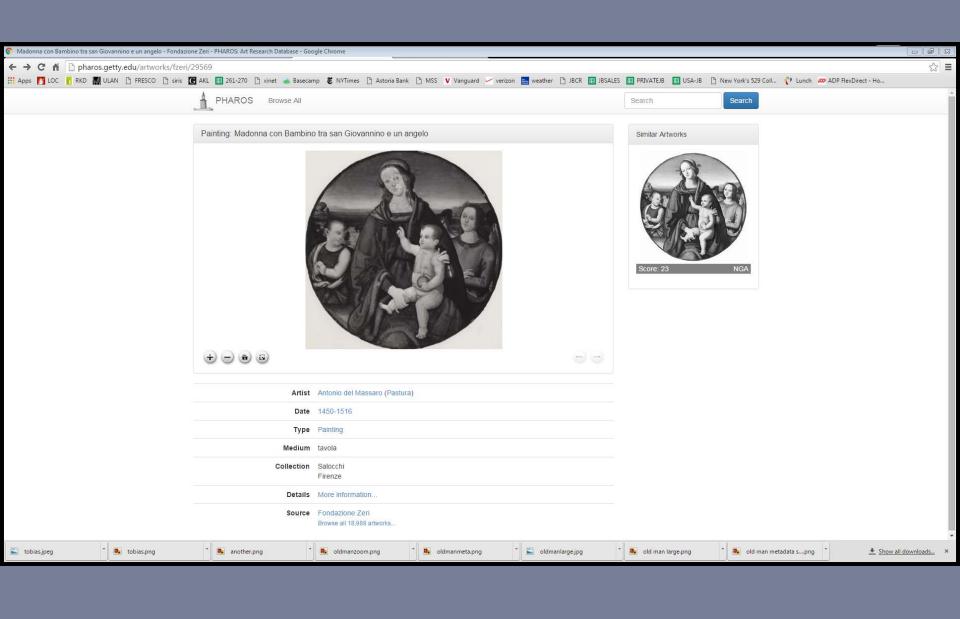


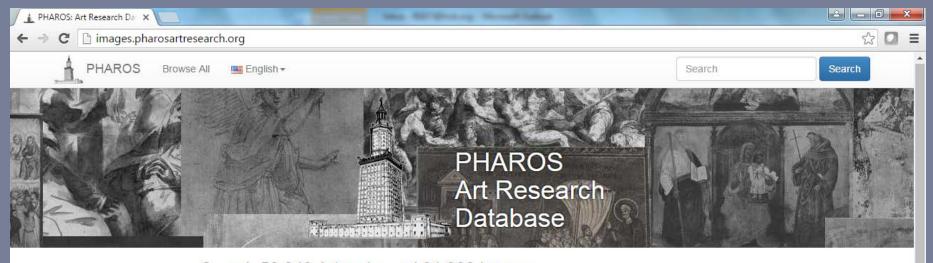




Berenson (1980-200)







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