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Museo Giuseppe Scarabelli - Complesso Museale di San Domenico

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Introduction

The group of artefacts of American provenance belongs to the ethnographic collection of Giuseppe Cita Mazzini (1873–1953), donated to the civic museums in 1937. Born in Imola, he practised as a physician in the early twentieth century in Peru and Chile. He was an enthusiastic student of American cultures, of which he gathered various testimonies that bear witness to the interests stimulated in him by his travels in the American continent.

The collection is heterogeneous and comprises ceramics, bronzes and pre-Columbian textiles, as well as everyday objects and souvenirs, mainly from the Amazon (Ecuador), the central and southern Andes (Peru, Chile) and Austral America (Tierra del Fuego, Chile).

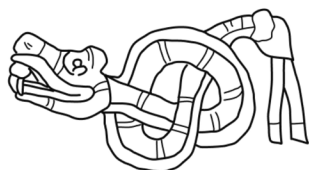
Cultural Areas (tags)

Amazon; Central and Southern Andes; Austral America

Collection name	America (Peru and Bolivia)
Collector	Giuseppe Cita Mazzini (1873-1953)

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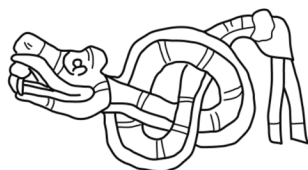
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Cultural areas	Central and Southern Andes
Ethnic group / community / cultural sphere	Nasca (Peru) Moche (Peru) Wari (Peru) Ica (Peru) Chancay (Peru) Chimú (Peru) Inca (Peru) Quechua (Peru) Aymara (Bolivia)
Description of the collection	Ceramics, textiles, stone sculptures and metal artefacts of an archaeological character, originating from various cultural areas of pre-Columbian Peru. Some of the artefacts are clearly modern forgeries. Among the ethnographic materials there are gourds, small paintings and Quechua musical instruments (Peru), as well as some wooden sculptures and a small painting depicting the Madonna of Copacabana from the Aymara regions of Bolivia.
History of the collection	Collected by Giuseppe Cita Mazzini between 1912 and 1921. Donated to the museum in 1953.
Online database	PATER
Web page	https://bbcc.regione.emilia-romagna.it/pater/search.do?re=load&type=bdm&sort=OGTD&reverse= (Entire demo-ethno-anthropological collection of the

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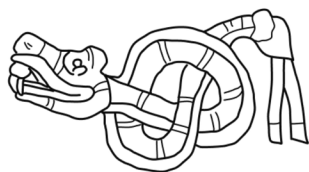
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Collection name	America (Chile)
Collector	Giuseppe Cita Mazzini (1873-1953)
Cultural areas	Central and Southern Andes
Ethnic group / community / cultural sphere	Chiloé (Chile) Mapuche (Chile)
Description of the collection	Pre-Columbian axe and pipe (Chiloé). Silver ornaments (pectoral, earrings, pin), textile sashes, drum and wooden mask from the Mapuche area.
History of the	Collected by Giuseppe Cita Mazzini between 1903 and

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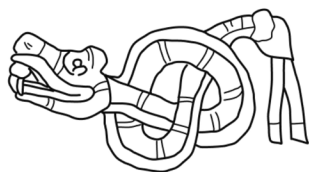
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collection	1911. Donated to the museum in 1953.
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Collection name	America (Amazonia)
Collector	Giuseppe Cita Mazzini (1873-1953)
Cultural areas	Amazon
Ethnic group / community / cultural	Campas (Asháninka) Yanesha

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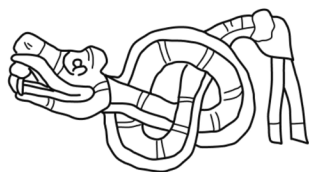
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sphere	Ecuador, region of the Ucayali River at the confluence of the Urubamba and Tambo.
Description of the collection	Arrows, loincloth, sashes.
History of the collection	Collected by Giuseppe Cita Mazzini between 1912 and 1921. Donated to the museum in 1953.
Online database	PATER
Web page	https://bbcc.regione.emilia-romagna.it/pater/search.do?re=load&type=bdm&sort=OGTD&reverse= (Entire demo-ethno-anthropological collection of the Museo di San Domenico, in which the American objects are located.)
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Collection name	America (Tierra del Fuego)
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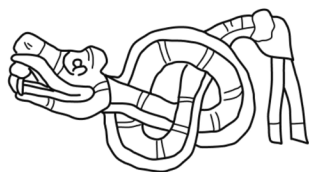
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Cultural areas	Central and Southern Andes
Ethnic group / community / cultural sphere	Selk'nam (Argentina)
Description of the collection	Arrows and bows. The collection also contains a whale baleen plate and a fossil shell from Lake Traful (province of Neuquén).
History of the collection	Collected by Giuseppe Cita Mazzini between 1912 and 1921. Donated to the museum in 1953.
Online database	PATER
Web page	https://bbcc.regione.emilia-romagna.it/pater/search.do?re=load&type=bdm&sort=OGTD&reverse= (Entire demo-ethno-anthropological collection of the Museo di San Domenico, in which the American objects are located.)
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