



Merry Christmas to all our Supporters!

Dear Friends of the Museum!

As we move into 2019, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

As many of you know, 2018 was our first year working as collective to address and restore some of the absences in our historical narrative. Though we are just a start up initiative, we are tremendously proud of our progress over the last 12 months. Your support and encouragement has enabled us to move from just an idea to an international team of 12 filled with skills, expertise, passion, and energy. Together, we undertook archival and field research on Mau Mau detention camps, work that has been vital to our goal of digitally reconstructing and exhibiting the history and archaeology of the Mau Mau; with HistoryHit, we filmed a documentary and screened it in Nairobi to a wonderfully engaged audience, in the company of Gitu wa Kahengeri, President of the Mau Mau War Veterans' Association and Faith Alubbe from the Kenya Human Rights Commission; we've published blogs, articles and research and presented our work internationally in Nairobi, Accra, Venice and London.



We're incredibly excited to continue this work into 2019 and will look forward to sharing updates with you as our work progresses and we develop our first exhibitions.

In the meantime, we will leave you with this [video](#) from our field trip in September and a wonderful blog from our very own Headstrong Historian, Tayiana Chao.



From Looted Lands to Restless Hands



Our wonderful Tayiana Chao wrote an amazing blog piece on Maqdala, repatriation, and the effects that theft of cultural artefacts has on Africans today. Read the full piece [here](#), and look out for it in [Informer East Africa](#) soon!

"Millions of African children still grow up, being embarrassed of their own 'limited' history, when they look to their museums and they cannot find symbols of their glorious past. Yet these artifacts line the halls of foreign museums."

See you in 2019!

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