



Dear Alan Donovan,

Re: Afrika Handmade Lifetime Achievement Award 2015

In recognition of your decades of commitment, resilience and hard work in the handmade sector, the organizing committee of Afrika Handmade Symposium and Gallery 2015, is honoured to present you with the 2015 Afrika Handmade Lifetime Achievement Award.

This award recognizes your immense contribution in the identification, collection and preservation of Africa's heritage and culture through music, dance, fashion and most significantly, artefacts.

Throughout your career as co-founder of African Heritage-, the continent's first Pan African Gallery- you served to remind the world that Africa was more than disease, war and famine. You have over four decades created a collection that beyond the monetary value, attests to the innovation and creativity of Africa and her people.

Following your determined effort to save the African Heritage House from demolition, you have preserved not only the legacy of your co-founder Joseph Murumbi, but also of an entire continent for generations to come.

It would therefore give us immense pleasure to welcome you to a reception on **Saturday 17 October, 6-9PM at the Alliance Francaise, Nairobi**, whereby we will confer the award.

We sincerely hope that you can be present to receive the award.

In the meantime, please accept our congratulations and gratitude for your dedication and achievement, and for being a role model for custodians of cultural heritage.

Yours Sincerely,

Christine Gitau
Convenor – Afrika Handmade Symposium and Gallery 2015