3) Copies and details of any marketing plans, and any directly relevant correspondence relating to the dissmeination of those marketing plans to relevant colleagues or staff at BP, for 'The BP Exhibition: I Am Ashurbanipal, king of the world, king of Assyria'.

From:

Sent:

11 June 2018 16:26

To:

Subject:

FW: Social media plan- Ashurbanipal press launch

Attachments: Ashurbanipal launch email.jpg

From:

Sent: 11 June 2018 16:04

To: Cc:

Subject: RE: Social media plan- Ashurbanipal press launch

Here is the social media (below) and email (attached) for launch next week. Do let me know if there are any amends.

Thanks very much,



Twitter

Monday 18

Teaser... [close up video]

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Watercolour

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It will be shared from tomorrow so they are free to use from tomorrow afternoon.
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BP have asked when they would be able to share the teaser trailer video for <i>Ashurbanipal</i> , i.e. when it would be shared on our channels.
Do we know this yet?
Kind regards,
Corporate Relations Officer
Development T. +44 (0)

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From:

Sent:

To:

Subject:

18 June 2018 13:59

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Bronze bowl from Nimrud

Fired and glazed clay tile depicting an Assyrian king and two attendants

Fitting from the throne of an Urartian god.

Gold jewellery

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Watercolour of interior of an Assyrian palace

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think we need to be very careful about over promising here. Equally if we do ticket offers with Time Out then they won't give us logo crediting. Maybe we could say 'Line credit will be sought as standard. Logo credit will be sought for major partnerships.'

Media plan, which asked for is attached. Let me know if you have any questions on this.

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Subject: RE: Social media plan- Ashurbanipal press launch

Dear both.

One thing we haven't discussed is getting a social media plan for around the *Ashurbanipal* press launch (what will be going up on what channel and when) to send to sponsors ahead of time. The sponsors will have a 5 day approval window, and so realistically we will need this tomorrow with the right crediting so we can get this to them in enough time. Will this be doable?

Have put the plan we send to BAML ahead of the Rodin press launch for reference below.

Best,

Twitter

[Trailer - pinned tweet]

Our #RodinExhibition is now open! See the French sculptor's iconic works side-by-side with the ancient Greek art that inspired him.

Trace the inspiration of a modern master in this once-in-a-lifetime exhibition. Book now: [tickets]

[male torsos]

I love the sculptures of ancient Greece. They have been and remain my masters.'

Rodin visited the British Museum for the first time in 1881 and was captivated by what he saw. Uncover his love for ancient art in our #RodinExhibition, now open!

[reply]

From 'The Kiss' to 'The Thinker', #RodinExhibition will feature some of the most famous examples of his work, many on loan from @MuseeRodinParis [tickets]

[reply] Director Hartwig Fischer: 'We are grateful to Bank of America Merrill Lynch @BofAML for their generous support of #RodinExhibition' [no image]

[Gallery shot]

We hope you'll be inspired by Rodin and the art of ancient Greece – we'd love to see your photos and drawings from inside the exhibition! Share them with us using #RodinExhibition and we'll retweet our favourites [emoji – pencil & camera]

LinkedIn

[Trailer]

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Facebook

[Trailer]

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Instagram Regram 1

Our #RodinExhibition is now open! The show displays the French sculptor's iconic works side-by-side with the ancient Greek art that inspired him. This brilliant photo of XXXXX was taken by @XXXXXX. Be inspired by the stunning sculpture on display and share your photos of the exhibition with us using #RodinExhibition. We'll regram our favourites – we love seeing your pictures! Find out more and book tickets via the link in our bio.

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#Rodin #AncientGreece #AncientGreek #sculpture #statues #AugusteRodin #exhibition #London #BritishMuseum #regram #repost

Gallery shot

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Auguste Rodin visited the British Museum for the first time in 1881 and was captivated by what he saw. He came back several times to admire and sketch the Parthenon sculptures, many of which influenced his famous works. For the first time, see these triumphs of modern art alongside the ancient masterpieces that inspired them in our major #RodinExhibition!

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Regram 2

Here's a fantastic shot of XXXXX inside our #RodinExhibition taken by @XXXXXX. This once-in-a-lifetime show traces the artistic inspiration behind some of Rodin's most famous works, with many on loan from @MuseeRodinParis. The French sculptor was fascinated by ancient Greek sculpture – he had a huge collection of antiquities and visited the British Museum many times to appreciate the dynamic poses, naturalism and subtle carving of the Parthenon sculptures. You can share your photos from the show using #RodinExhibition – we'll regram our favourites! Find out more and book tickets via the link in our bio. Sponsored by Bank of America Merrill Lynch

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Cc: Sales Manualistics are sent to

Subject: RE: Marketing presentation digital vs. outdoor

Hi **Bara**

I have spoken to AKA about this today and looked at the options available to us. Rest assured, I have asked that some of the digital spend be reallocated to outdoor, we also have a slight underspend that I will be putting into outdoor. However it is worth noting that in terms of % spend we are spending more on outdoor than almost any other recent show (around 66% compared to 64% for Scythians and 49% for Sunken Cities) so don't worry, we are still making sure that we are using these high impact media placements. The digital spend is in line with what we spent for Scythians and Sunken Cities so there hasn't been any upweighting to digital for this campaign – it may just appear that way as we have a number of different types of digital ad included in the campaign.

99% of the presentation is ready to go, I think it is likely that we will lose the National Geographic digital and cut back on the spend on the google lightbox and add another burst of outdoor into the campaign. Other than confirming those final details we are ready to go on the campaign side. AKA are sending a final campaign plan to me today so I will update the presentation accordingly.

has the colour options which she is going to show Hartwig today and is going to mention your concerns about changing from the green, given that the sponsor has already seen and likes this.

In terms of the leaflet – I emailed about this and I suggested that we combine the leaflet and events leaflet into a single piece of print with a higher print run. Let me know what you think about this.

Senior Marketing Manager: Campaigns

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Sent: 15 May 2018 17:59 To: Cc: Subject: RE: Marketing presentation digital vs. outdoor
Hi
Thanks for this. In response to your queries:
The result of the conversations between you and precomments to the presentation budget towards the outdoor advertising (I have added some comments to the presentation highlighting some of the parts that seem to be light i.e. no AdRail during opening phase, no underground indicated for mid exhibition etc.). As mentioned in our previous email, this is something we are concerned about recreturn on investment for the sponsor. I know you said this was going to adjusted to be more like the Scythians plan, if this has been agreed can this be reflected in the presentation now? I am still waiting on AKA to come back on my final amends to the media plan but I have chased them on this. I am hoping to add in some more outdoor but it is worth noting that some of the outdoor activity does have higher than usual quantities and also some activity is running for longer so we should get a really strong number of impressions through this.
- The addition of the VI, along with mock ups of 48 sheets, on site advertising etc. As mentioned we will also need to send the updated VI to ahead of the meeting too, as this is different to what she saw initially. It is very happy to be part of the conversation with Dr Fischer tomorrow so we can get this sorted. We need to agree on the colour before we can send these to a hoping that this will be sorted and we can speak to Hartwig asap.
I sent an email yesterday regarding the Exhibition events leaflet and its importance for the sponsor, so do let me know your thoughts on this when you can. On the exhibition events leaflet, I don't think we are going to have the resource to be able to deliver this but this does need to be discussed. I have chatted with and we thought that a good solution would be to include some highlight events in the leaflet and go with a higher print run of this one piece of collateral. What do you think to this?
- There's a note on one of the slides asking for a little more info on what the learning were from Scythians, and how these will be applied to the Ashurbanipal campaign. I can add this in.
- There was a question I added to the presentation about whether there would be an e-card when the trailer was released, and also when you thought this would be? We can't commit to this at the moment. Currently we are only doing ecards for exhibition launches and

opening due to lack of resource. This is hopefully something that can be addressed soon – and which I hope may be sorted in time for this show but it is difficult for us to commit to this at the moment with

everything so up in the air.

I hope that helps but do let me know if you have any questions.
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To:
Cc: Subject: RE: Marketing presentation digital vs. outdoor
Hi and the second of the secon
Yes we are almost there, but there are some significant things we're waiting on still. I've summed everything up here on one email and re-attached the presentation with my comments and questions.
We are waiting on:
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Thanks, and please do let me know if there's anything I can do to help get this across the line. Also if it's useful to sit down in person tomorrow then let me know and we can find time to discuss.

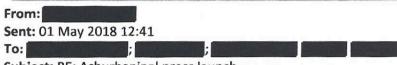
Have a good evening,

From:
Sent:
01 May 2018 14:34

To:
Subject:
Re: Ashurbanipal press launch

Sure - consider it done!

Any thoughts re: including press trip? I'll emphasise that there are opps for preview pieces in the UK too, so even if press trip proves not possible there's enough material and objects to see at the BM and during install. This worked well for some of the Scythians features.



Subject: RE: Ashurbanipal press launch

Just to confirm we should remove this then from the comms strategy until we know it is definitely happening. I would rather add it in than take it out....

Sent: 30 April 2018 15:50

To: ;
Cc: Subject: Re: Ashurbanipal press launch

Just to add the Facebook Live is also very dependent on marketing staffing, we currently aren't broadcasting Facebook lives until we have a social media manager in post.

Sent: 30 April 2018 14:59

To:
Cc:
Subject: RE: Ashurbanipal press launch

Answers as follows:

Hi

Ambassador – have followed up with the Middle East dept re: invitation as this should have come from them – will
chase accordingly in the coming days.

As outlined in the strategy— question around Facebook Live is TBC dependent upon objects that are available to film.
We could certainly make staff time available if there is material to be filmed/walked through in an engaging way. We won't know this imminently. If you would rather take this out at this stage – please do – we can always answer verbally on this front if we think may question it.



Hi Ball

Apologies, lots of stuff from me today!

Do you have the comms strategy document that was put together for the *Indigenous Australia* exhibition? Just trying to see how we mentioned IAG in this to replicate for this Ashurbanipal document.

Many thanks,

Corporate Relations Officer

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Dear Colleague

The BP exhibition Ashurbanipal: King of the World, King of Assyria

We are delighted to let you know about opportunities for schools to visit the BP exhibition *Ashurbanipal: King of the World, King of Assyria* taking place at the British Museum in 2018-19. The exhibition runs from 8 November – 24 February 2019. In 668 BC, Ashurbanipal inherited the most powerful empire in the world, which extended from the eastern Mediterranean to western Iran. His capital at Nineveh was the largest city in existence at this time. The expansion of the Assyrian empire shaped the history and development of the Middle East and Mediterranean. The exhibition will showcase the Assyrian palace reliefs and other objects excavated from archaeological sites in Iraq that have recently been targeted and destroyed. The exhibition intends to highlight the plight of Iraqi cultural heritage under threat by presenting Iraq's remarkably rich cultural heritage and history to the public.

School groups are able to book to visit the exhibition free of charge. There will be 8 mornings held exclusively for school visits. The dates for these are 16, 22, 27 Nov; 5 Dec 2018 and the 16, 24 Jan and 5, 11 Feb 2019. These mornings provide opportunities for self-led visits (Key Stages 2, 3, 4 and 5) supported by resources downloadable from the British Museum website.

Exhibition resources are cross-curricular with a particular focus on history and art. An image bank featuring high resolution images of the objects on display will be available free on the website for use in the classroom.

Full details of the school exclusive mornings and exhibition resources can be found on the British Museum website (www.britishmuseum.org) on the exhibition pages and the learning pages. To book a school visit please call (0)20 7323 8181 or email tickets@britishmuseum.org from 19th June 2018 onwards.

Yours sincerely

Martin Payne
Head of Schools and Young Audiences
The British Museum



The BP exhibition

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8 November 2018 – 24 February 2019
The Sainsbury Exhibitions Gallery

Background:

This major BP exhibition will explore the world of ancient Assyria through the life and legacy of its last great ruler, King Ashurbanipal. In 668 BC, Ashurbanipal became the most powerful person on Earth. From his capital at Nineveh, in present-day Iraq, he ruled a vast and diverse empire, shaping the lives of peoples from the shores of the eastern Mediterranean to the mountains of western Iran.

Innovative displays and new discoveries bring to life the tumultuous story of Ashurbanipal's reign; his conquest of Egypt, the crushing defeat of his rebellious brother, and his ruthless campaign against the Elamite rulers of southwest Iran. Over 200 extraordinary objects excavated from all corners of what was the ancient Assyrian empire reveal how one of the greatest Assyrian monarchs stamped an indelible mark on the history of the world.

Key communications messages:

- This will be an important autumn exhibition in the Sainsbury Exhibitions Gallery, the largest temporary exhibition space at the British Museum.
- The British Museum has explored the history of ancient empires in its recent exhibitions. Journalists and visitors alike trust the BM as an authority to tell these stories. These include the hugely successful BP exhibition Vikings: life and legend in 2014, Celts: art and identity in 2015, and the recent BP exhibition Scythians: warriors of ancient Siberia in 2017. This exhibition will tell the story of the last great ancient Assyrian king, Ashurbanipal.
- This exhibition will reveal the fascinating history of ancient Assyria under Ashurbanipal's rule between 668 – 627BC. At the time Assyria was the largest empire in the world, the centre of which is in present day Iraq.
- The exhibition will tell the story of Ashurbanipal as a person rather than a faceless historical figure, and appreciate how his rule shaped and influenced the whole Assyrian empire.
- Incredible and colossal Assyrian reliefs from the British Museum's collection will be on

display alongside loans from collections across the world.

- The exhibition will highlight the current threat to Iraqi cultural heritage and the work of the British Museum's Iraq Emergency Heritage Management Training Scheme.
- This is a BP exhibition.
- The logistics partner is IAG Cargo.

Strategy to maximise sponsor credits

The Press Office will consistently refer to the exhibition in written and verbal form as The BP exhibition *I am Ashurbanipal: king of the world, king of Assyria*

- All versions of the exhibition press release will have the full title at the top of the
 document, credit BP in the first paragraph of the main text, include a quote from a senior
 figure from BP, include a BP credit at the end of the main text and also have a full notes
 to editors paragraph on BP for background.
- The Press Office will request sponsor credits are included with all journalists and editors they are in direct contact with, including follow up reminders where possible.

Campaign overview:

The press office is exploring the possibility of a press trip for September/October 2018 which would involve taking 2/3 key media contacts to Iraq. The trip would coincide with the latest tranche of trainees from the Iraq Scheme undertaking their archaeological training. It would also coincide with a BBC World Service radio documentary recording with the Iraqi trainees. The documentary will be about the Iraq scheme but will be broadcast to tie in with the exhibition opening. The aim of this trip will be to line up key preview pieces by arranging exclusive, unique and in-depth access for the media to the archaeological sites, material of the exhibition and expertise. These pieces will cover both the present day Iraq Scheme and the exhibition.

Media Targets:

We will target a wide range of regional, national, and international media, looking to generate coverage in all sections of the media – from news to reviews, to listings and debate.

Our focus will include (but is not limited to):

- National newspapers and news agencies, including broadsheet and tabloid, such as:
 The Times, Sunday Telegraph, Guardian, Financial Times, Daily Mail, Reuters and PA.
 - Previews of the exhibition / features in a weekend colour supplement
 - News articles by correspondents from arts sections, current affairs, and picture stories
 - Listings e.g. Guardian Guide or Critic's Choice

- Broadcast media, such as: BBC radio and television inc. R4, R3, BBC News, BBC World Service, Channel 4 News, Sky News
 - Inclusion on flagship arts programme e.g. BBC R4 Front Row
 - News coverage e.g. BBC News, BBC R4, Channel 4 News, local news bulletins
 - Coverage
- Long-lead consumer lifestyle with focus on fine arts and crafts publications, such as: Country Life, World of Interiors, Good Housekeeping, Vogue, Elle, Harpers Bazaar, Wallpaper
 - Images of gold jewellery for listings and image-led pieces
 - Features/interviews on the decorative objects
- Arts Publications such as The Art Newspaper, Apollo, Art Quarterly and Minerva
 - o Features / Interviews
 - Listings
- Travel and in-flight, such as BA with a focus on flights between London, Europe and the Middle East.
 - o Listings and diary items, with images
 - Feature on travel to Iraq in the travel section of a national newspaper
- Current affairs/political and news-digest publications, such as: The Spectator, New Statesman, TIME and The Economist
 - Opinion pieces on the current political and cultural climate and the Iraq Scheme.
 - o Previews and reviews of the exhibition
 - Listings
- International media with focus on Middle East publications and outlets
 - o News coverage on international newswires such as AP, CNN, Reuters and AFP
 - News coverage with Middle Eastern such as The Arab News and Aljazeera
 - o Reviews and previews
- Online and new media, such as ArtNet, The Arts Desk, HuffingtonPost and Buzzfeed
 - Online news coverage and arts features
 - o Online listings
 - Online reviews
 - o Blogs
- Local broadcast and print media, such as: The Evening Standard, BBC London, Metro, City AM and local papers.
 - News of the opening
 - Reviews and listings

British Museum Spokespeople:

- Gareth Brereton, Curator
- Carine Harmand, Project Curator
- Jonathan Tubb, Keeper of the Middle East department and spokesperson for the Iraq Scheme
- Hartwig Fischer, Director

Launching the exhibition:

The exhibition will be launched at a breakfast event on 19 June in the Assyrian Galleries at the British Museum. The invite list will include arts and heritage correspondents from local, national and trade media as well as Middle Eastern correspondents and editors and writers from long lead publications. The event will include an introduction from the Director, Hartwig Fischer, a short speech by BP, as well as a ten minute overview of the exhibition by the Curator. There will also be objects brought out for the event that will feature in the exhibition. The British Museum social media team will cover the event across their channels, particularly Twitter and Facebook.

Press launch overview:

<u>Objective:</u> to raise awareness to the press about the forthcoming exhibition and the key communication messages. To announce the sponsor, tickets on sale and start the social media campaign.

The core guests invited to the event will be the arts news correspondents, Middle East correspondents and London based European and International correspondents, with a mind to generating immediate news coverage as well as targeting long lead journalists and arts editors to allow for strategic forward planning in advance of the exhibition opening. Key representatives from BP and the Department of Culture, Media and Sport will be invited. Press contacts from BP, IAG Cargo and the Iraqi Embassy will also be invited.

The press release and images will be made available to guests at the event. They will also be published on the British Museum website and circulated to the Museum's press database. The press team and curatorial team will be on hand to network and answer questions.

There will be live Tweeting from the British Museum's account throughout the launch event.

Timings on the day:

08:15	Private coffee in the Director's office hosted by Dr Fischer for Peter Mather and Des Violaris from BP. The Iraqi Ambassador is TBC. will also attend.
08:15	Photographers invited to the photo call
08.30	Guests invited refreshments served.
08.45	VIP group join the press launch
09.00 - 09.20	Speeches

- Introduction by Hartwig Fischer, Director of the British Museum (2-3 minutes)
- Speech by Peter Mather, Group regional vice president, Europe and head of country, UK from BP (2-3 mins)
- Speech by H.E. the Iraqi Ambassador TBC
- Overview by Gareth Brereton exhibition curator, with a PowerPoint presentation showing some images of the objects to be included in the exhibition (10 minutes)
- Hartwig Fischer to thank speakers and questions will be directed to individuals on a one to one basis
- Informal one to one discussions with the curator, managed by the Press team

10.00 Event ends

Timeline:

November 2017	- Forthcoming Exhibitions Press Release for 2018 mail out with exhibition included.
December 2017 -	- Development of communications strategy
April 2018	- Thoughts on supplement and feature options and writers
May	- Overview of communications plans confirmed
	- Investigate possibility of press trip
	- Collating commentator and opinion former lists
	Friday 18 th May BP to provide names and email addresses for Press Launch mail out
	Friday 18 th May BP to provide quote and information for the Notes to Editors section of the press release
	Friday 18 th May BP to provide their section of the Q&A for launch
	- Tuesday 29 th May Send out invitation for Press Launch
June	- Monday 4 st June British Museum to provide first draft of Q&A
	- Monday 4 th June British Museum to share press release with BF
	 Monday 11th June British Museum to provide final draft of Q&A and press release for launch

	 Tuesday June 19th, exhibition launch in Assyrian Galleries Wednesday June 27th Annual review launch
July - September	Discussion with curatorial team about a photo call options during installation
	- Follow up with fashion glossies, lifestyle, interiors, consumer, London publications etc.
	- Follow-up of long-leads/supplements
	- Broadcast: Mail-out to forward-planning desks
October	- Mailing to short-lead publication
	- Approach Opinion Formers and Comment Writers
	Preview features and press trip pieces on exhibition begin to appear
	- Targeting art critics and editors for reviews
	- Update press release on exhibition and sign off
	- Short lead and broadcast follow up
November	- Catalogue mail out
	- Installation photography moments
	- Thursday 1 st - Friday 2 nd Art Critic one to one previews.
	- Monday 5th: Broadcast Filming Day
	- Tuesday 6th: Press View and review embargo
	- Thursday 8th: exhibition opens to the public
December - February	- Invitations to Early Morning Views extended to key media
	contacts to encourage further coverage and social media
	commentary by opinion formers
	- Ongoing promotion of public programme (events, film
	screenings, Late etc.), in particular targeting London publications
	- Ongoing press activity: image requests and curatorial interviews

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The BP exhibition

I am Ashurbanipal king of the world, king of Assyria

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Supported by BP

8 November 2018 – 24 February 2019

Logistics partner

IAGCargo

Marketing objectives

- To generate excitement and interest in the exhibition and a sense of scale, driving the maximum sales over the exhibition run
- · Position the show as the next major exhibition at the British Museum
- To attract new audiences and re-engage audiences that have visited previous British Museum exhibitions
- To unpack the story of Ashurbanipal in order to engage people with the subject matter of the exhibition
- To encourage engagement with the related events programme
- To promote the on-going partnership between the British Museum & BP
- To support the promotion of membership and related retail and catering activities
- To encourage visitors to continue their relationship with the Museum via social media, enews and future online and venue visitation

Key considerations and challenges

- Whilst this show is a core BM exhibition and the sort of programming our audiences expect and engage with, the lack of knowledge or understanding of Ashurbanipal and Assyria will be a marketing challenge. The campaign will have to provide a simple 'way in' to a subject matter with which the general public are likely to be unfamiliar.
- The objects in the show could seem remote and even dry/academic without their context. The marketing of the exhibition will need to help bring Ashurbanipal and his story to life.
- Learnings from the Scythians campaigns on how to engage people with unfamiliar subject matter should be used to inform the development of the Ashurbanipal campaign.

Marketing messages

- This major exhibition opens in autumn 2018 and is the next exhibition focusing on ancient rulers, following exhibitions including Hadrian (2008) and Moctezuma (2009).
- The exhibition tells the story of Ashurbanipal, king of the largest empire in the world, Assyria.
- Ashurbanipal was a warrior king as well as a scholar. He assembled a unique library at his palace, perhaps the first library of all knowledge assembled in the world.



- The exhibition will explore Assyria's capital
 Nineveh and the luxury of the royal palace as
 well as art and culture from throughout
 Ashurbanipal's vast empire.
- The preservation of the cultural heritage of lraq is incredibly important, particularly now it is under threat. The British Museum's training scheme in Iraq is helping Iraqi archaeologists to help preserve what remains of these amazing sites.
- The exhibition will include stunning examples of Assyrian treasures, including colossal reliefs that adorned the walls of Ashurbanipal's palace, not currently on public display.
- · The exhibition is sponsored by BP
- The logistics partner is IAG Cargo
- The exhibition is charged. Adult tickets are £17.00. Members and under 16s are free



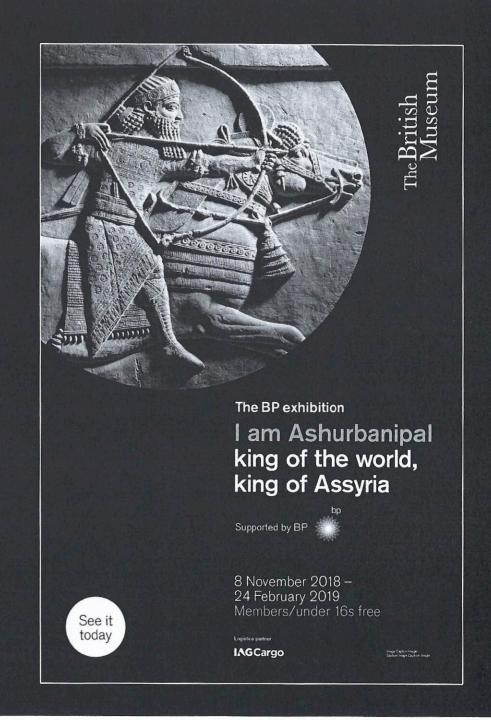
Target audiences

- Regular arts and culture audiences particularly Essence and Expression and Stimulation culture segments, London and South East
- Opinion leaders, government, diplomatic and political bodies – targeted through marketing, events and advocacy activity
- History and archaeology enthusiasts
- Students and academics with a focus on history and archaeology of ancient cultures
- British Museum regulars and members
- Schools booked school groups
- Domestic and international tourists



Visual identity





Marketing Strategy

- Onsite Signage
- Marketing Collateral and Distribution
- Advertising
 - Outdoor
 - Cinema
 - Press
 - Magazine and specialist publications
 - Digital Advertising
 - Content advertising
- Social Media
- Digital content
- · Email campaign
- 3rd party promotions

Campaign Phases Overview

- 1. Launch phase: June September
- Exhibition press launch
- · Website and social media content live
- Tickets on sale e-card distributed to What's On warm contact list of 210k
- On site signage
- Google AdWords advertising live

2. Pre opening phase: October

- · Leaflets and events programmes on site
- Continued social media content
- Exhibition trailer released (6 weeks before opening)
- Social media advertising
- Specialist advertising starts to roll out

3. Opening Phase: November

- Main marketing campaign launch
- Large format out-of-home advertising live
- · Digital advertising live
- · Press advertising live
- Marketing partnerships and promotions begin
- · Web content refreshed, with addition of positive exhibition reviews
- Social media content continues

3. Mid Exhibition: December – January

- Sustained external advertising, onsite signage and promotions, breaking over the Christmas period
- 4. Final Weeks: end of January February Final advertising using 'Final weeks' messaging

Onsite signage

Pre-opening phase

From 19 June

- Railings posters
- Ticket desk banner
- Toblerone 1
- Ticket desk screens
- Jumbo posters

From 30 July

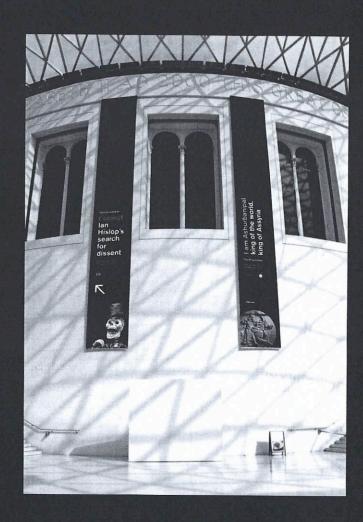
- Toblerone 2
- Welcome Gallery banner



Opening and sustained

From 5 November

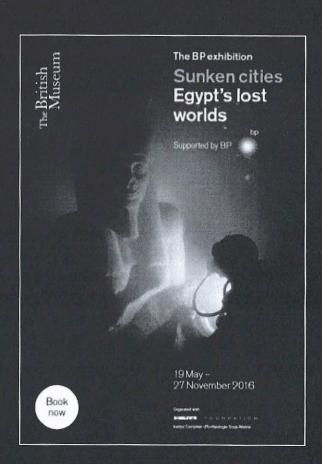
- Room 66 midi stela
- Reading Room Drum banner
- Sainsbury Exhibition Gallery banners
- Great Court digital screens
- Security tent posters



Marketing collateral and distribution

Marketing collateral

- Exhibition flyer/ events flier (c. 120,000): September 2018
- Bi-monthly What's On leaflets (c. 80,000 per run)
- Complimentary passes (staff, general, patrons): October 2018
- Invitations (reception opening invitations, private view invitations, Corporate Partners invitations, press invitations, early morning view invitations): August 2018



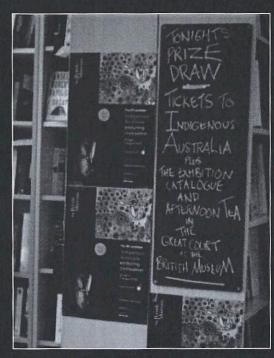
Distribution

Targeted distribution of flyers and events programmes through specialist print display agencies to:

- Museums and galleries
- Cultural and heritage organisations
- Tourist information centres and hotels
- Cafes, restaurants and bars

Posters displayed at:

- Local businesses cafes, restaurants and bars
- Libraries, universities





Advertising

Advertising strategy

- To concentrate advertising during the course of the exhibition due to audience trend towards later ticket purchases and less pre-booking.
- To create a sustained 'always on' approach throughout the course of the exhibition run.
- To have a data backed approach by looking at previous ticket buyers
- Use digital content to 'unpack' the story of Ashurbanipal.
- Weight the campaign to outdoor for maximum impacts and to position the show as a major exhibition.
- To avoid the Christmas period when there is a busy and competitive marketplace and when ticket sales are usually lower.

Outdoor

Opening

- 75 underground 16 sheets (5 Nov for 4 weeks)
- Waterloo landmark (5 Nov for 4 weeks)



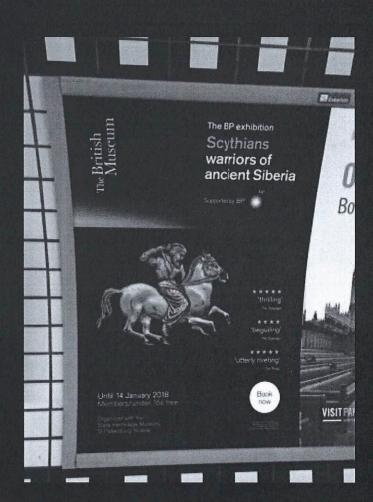


Mid exhibition/ sustained

- 10 Adrail 48 sheets (19 Nov, 2 weeks)
- 200 Adrail 4 sheets (19 Nov, 2 weeks)
- 9 Adrail 6 sheet sites at key stations (19 Nov, 2 weeks)
- 150 Underground 4 sheets

Final weeks

- 75 underground 16 sheets (31 December, 2 weeks)
- 180 Adrail 4 sheets (31 December 2 weeks)
- 150 underground 4 sheets (14 January, 4 weeks)







Cinema

- Premier audience package targeting Arthouse and independent venues across London and Southern region
- 30 second ad trailer
- 2 week campaign starting on 29 October
- Estimated 140k impacts



Timeline of outdoor and cinema activity

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Press

Opening Phase

- FT Magazine, full page
- Observer Review, 18 x 4
- Guardian Guide, 20x2
- Times Review, 20x2
- Time Out, floating ¼ page

Mid run

• Time Out, ½ page

Final weeks

- Daily Telegraph Review, 20x2
- Time Out, ¼ page floating



Timeline of press activity

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Magazines and specialist

- Current World Archaeology
- All About History
- BBC History Magazine
- Geographical Magazine
- Homes and Antiques
- Gardens Illustrated
- V&A Magazine
- Kensington, Chelsea and Westminster Today
- Apollo
- The Spectator
- London Review of Books
- Art Quarterly



Digital Display

Quantcast

- Always on' approach –starting on 22
 October to raise awareness of the opening and build excitement.
- The campaign will target Ashurbanipal exhibition ticket booker 'look-a-likes' wherever they are online
- Campaign will run in two bursts with a break over the Christmas build up and restarting in new year.



Time Out

- 5 November, 5 weeks and 31 Dec for 8 weeks
- MPU and Billboard on Time Out site
- Targetting users who have viewed museum content on the Time Out website within the last 30 days.

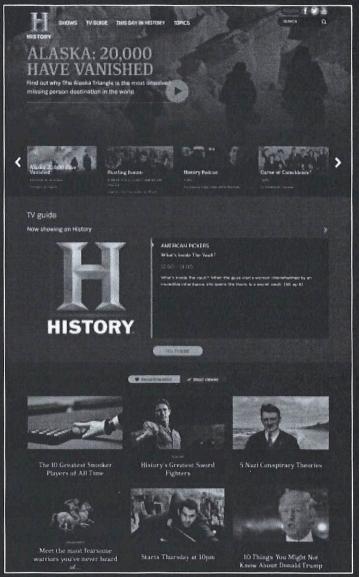


Content

Ad You Like 5 November, 5 weeks

 Native content advertising driving people to a BM blog about Ashurbanipal.

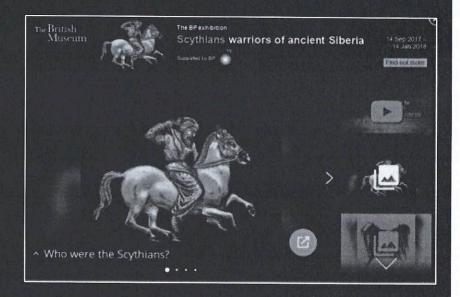




Google display network

- 29 October, 3 weeks and from 31 December, 2 weeks
- Reach enthusiasts of culture, archaeology & history in London with an engaging ad format that captures the attention
- Targeting those who previously booked for Scythians
- Expected result will be 13,000 ad engagements

Google Display Network



Time Out advertorial

- 5 November, 2 weeks
- Online advertorial feature written by Time Out editorial team
- Native traffic drivers to push people to the content from across the Time Out site
- One Facebook post



Timeline of digital and paid content activity

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Social media, email campaign and 3rd party promotions

Social media

British Museum social media channels and current reach:

Facebook	1,453,000
Twitter	2,000,000
Instagram	1,000,000
YouTube	97,000
Google+	72,000
LinkedIn	50,000

These channels would be used to share content to further explore the themes of the exhibition and encourage engagement and ticket sales.



Digital content

Digital content will be key in helping to tell the story of Ashurbanipal and engage our audiences.

- Video content there will be a suite of video content exploring the themes of the exhibition
- Blog content will be used to explore themes in greater depth. The first blog 'Who was Ashurbanipal' will help to introduce the subject matter and will go live on the day of press launch.
- Website The museum's website will have a suite of content on the webpages including embedded video, blogs and images of highlight objects in the exhibition. This will be refreshed when additional content comes out and press reviews will also be added.





Email

- Dedicated e-cards to What's On list
 (warm list of 210k subscribers emails will be targeted to relevant segments past ticket buyers etc.)
 - E-card when tickets go on sale
 - E-card on exhibition opening day
- Invitations for individual events: press view, community partnerships view, breakfast view
- Monthly e-newsletter: dedicated issue around opening and on-going features throughout exhibition run
- Pre-visit and post-visit emails: promoting shop merchandise and membership
- Additional mentions in: Family (16k subscribers) and Schools' (16k subscribers) enewsletters, plus Members' and Patrons emails.



Third party promotions

Promotional partners help to extend the reach of the marketing campaign and engage audiences in creative ways. The Museum is exploring possible brand and media partnerships with the following organisations:

- Media including The Times, The Guardian, The Telegraph and Londonist
- Arts and culture organisations including London's national Museums and the Art Fund
- Travel and tourism organisations including ATOC, Eurostar, Visit London and key hotel partners
- · Brands including Waterstones, Foyles and Benugo

A number of partner organisations may also be approached based on a relevant connection to the exhibition subject matter.

The Museum will endeavour to secure sponsor crediting in all promotions with third parties, depending on space available.

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