



## **In the the footsteps of an 19th Century Explorer**

Joseph Thomson, a 19<sup>th</sup> century explorer, with the Thomson gazelle named after him, was the first person to take a photographic camera in to East Africa. Sadly very few of his photographs survive today.

Renowned photographer, Mike Hacker (Hax) followed this extraordinary Explorer's footsteps through Maasailand, and has produced an outstanding collection of photographs of his journey, some 126 years later.

Mike's family roots go back three generations into Colonial East Africa. His great-grandfather set up one of the first safari outfitting companies, Cottar Safaris, who celebrate 90 years this year, which soon became safari guides to royalty and the rich and famous, such as the Queen Mother, Woolworth Donohue and Martin & Osa Johnson. Mike's grandfather, also named Mike, took up filming the wildlife rather than shooting it, providing unique footage for Hollywood's early wildlife documentaries. He is believed to have sold footage of a lion for one of the earliest MGM logos.

Mikes Great grandfather was later killed by a rhino, and his grandfather was killed by a buffalo.

Mike Hacker was born in Uganda, East Africa, in 1960.

Inspired by Thomson's incredible journey, and with a family history of Photography, after four years planning, Mike retraced Thomson's incredible journey, as taken in 1883. Rebranding himself in 2009 Hax, celebrates a body of photographic work in a touring exhibition throughout the United States.

We are pleased to announce this extraordinary and exciting collection of contemporary work, together with his first book with a collection of photographs of his trip, and the story of his journey, will be released for the very first time, this year, across the USA and London.

The schedule for his collection of work, together with a seminar at each event will be as scheduled below:

San Francisco

June 6th to June 24th - Exhibition

June 6th @ 3pm -Inaugural Seminar

Los Angeles

July 6th to July 12th - Exhibition

July 11th @ 1pm - Inaugural Seminar

Chicago

July 17th to July 23rd - Exhibition

July 18th - Inaugural Seminar

New York

August 3rd to August 27th - Exhibition

August 8th - Inaugural Seminar

London

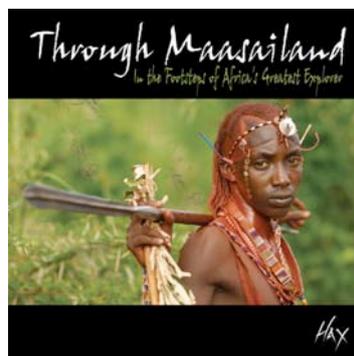
September 2nd to 30th September - Exhibition

September Inaugural tbc.

More details can be found on the website of

[www.calumetphotographic.com/events](http://www.calumetphotographic.com/events).

**Note : A limited edition of his prints will be available for sale at each event. Hax will at the same time release his first book, across the USA this Summer.**



For information on the expedition visit [www.throughmaasailand.com](http://www.throughmaasailand.com)

To see a small portfolio of Photographs click this link [Portfolio](#)