Staying home doesn’t mean you can’t enjoy beautiful art or visit museum exhibitions. The Museum of Art and Archaeology presents another in a series of online exhibitions of past and current gallery exhibitions, as well as new, born-digital exhibitions. And we look forward to welcoming you back to our galleries as soon as permissible.

This online exhibition explores the concept of decorative lighting from the oil lamps of antiquity up to the advent of electricity. Topics include the iconography of ancient lamps, lamps as symbolic of the divine in religious contexts, and some highly decorative examples from the Gilded Age. Where relevant, we illustrate a few comparisons from elsewhere to expand scope and clarity.

View the Exhibition