

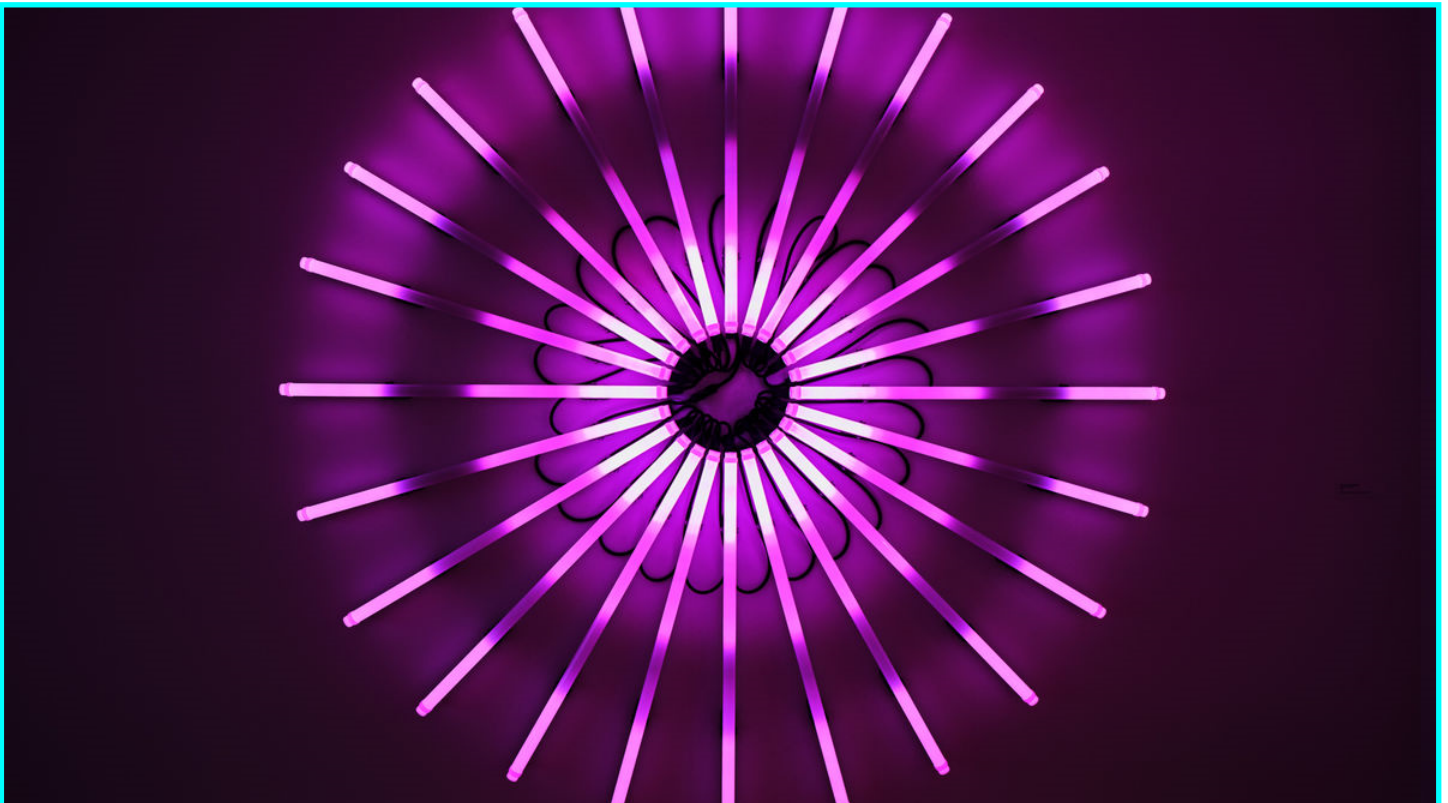
# LIGHT UP YOUR CREATIVITY

ON VIEW

## LEO VILLAREAL: *EARLY LIGHT*



Raised on both sides of the El Paso/Juárez border in the 1970s, artist Leo Villareal (b. 1967) is now known internationally for activating spaces with LED light. In 2013 Villareal inaugurated The Bay Lights, a now-permanent artwork of 25,000 LEDs illuminating a light pattern along a nearly two-mile expanse of the San Francisco–Oakland Bay Bridge, and in 2008 he “lit” an underground walkway at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. Villareal’s first museum exhibition in his hometown examines his early work. Complementing his light “mural” *Sky*, 2010, installed in El Paso’s federal courthouse, the exhibition features two large-scale sculptures on loan from the Collection of Jereann and Holland Chaney, Houston, Texas. *Lightscape*, 2002, is a ten-foot “screen” programmed to bathe surrounding space and people in a sequence of changing hues. *Here Comes the Sun*, 2004, is from Villareal’s most-recognized series of wall-bound sculptures, taking the form of a spiral made of LEDs. *Leo Villareal: Early Light* elucidates the early practice of one of today’s best-known contemporary artists.



Leo Villareal, *Here Comes the Sun*, 2004. LEDs, custom software, and electrical hardware, edition 3 of 3, 109 x 109 in. Collection of Jereann and Holland Chaney, Houston, Texas. Photograph courtesy the artist.

Visit EPMA’s website at [epma.art/art/exhibitions/leo-villareal-early-light](http://epma.art/art/exhibitions/leo-villareal-early-light) and navigate through our virtual gallery on display to view more images about this exhibition, and get inspired to complete the following art activity!

# 1. SCAVENGER HUNT



What are the lights that surround your environment?

There are many lights that decorate the city. Take a walk out in your hometown, and snap a photo of all the lights you can find in the street, from street lights to neon signs. Below is a list of some items to look for. Share your images with us! Tag us on social media @EIPasoMuseumofArt.

- Mountain Star



- Pink neon sign

- Arch neon lights

- Crosswalk light sign



- Traffic stop light



- Emergency unit sirens light

- String lights

- Bike light

- Blue neon light

- Street light



# 2. INSTALLATION ART!



Create your own installation at home, using any lightsource you can find, anything from a night lamp to a digital alarm clock. EPMA is curious to see what creative ideas you come up with! Share your light art installation with us! Tag us on social media @EIPasoMuseumofArt.

# 3. ADD SOME COLOR



Color the templates on pages 8, 9 and 10, inspired by Leo Villareal's neon light installations. Use different bright colors and shades to create your own piece of artwork. Try different color patterns. Don't forget to visit [epma.art/art/exhibitions/leo-villareal-early-light](http://epma.art/art/exhibitions/leo-villareal-early-light) and get inspired by Leo Villareal's work.

