

Tale of a Classic

The Lantern by Kaare Klint



LE KLINT 101 - The Lantern

A Classic turns 70...

Kaare Klint's famous design, Model 101 also known as The Lantern was launched as far back as 1944. However, in 1942, it was first revealed to the public when the lamp was used to decorate The Danish Museum of Decorative Art, which is now known as The Danish Museum of Art and Design located in Copenhagen.

The Lantern is often considered to be one of LE KLINT's most fascinating models and is still one of the most popular within the collection. The lamp fascinates with its combination of craftsmanship, technology and design. It is almost unbelievable that a piece of rectangular paper can be folded into a three-dimensional globe with such a beautiful and complicated pattern. Although reminiscent of the Chinese paper lanterns, this lamp remains a one of a kind by virtue of its characteristic cross pleats.

The Lantern attracted favourable notice on the big screen on several occasions. Most famous is probably its appearance in the movie "Let's Make Love" from 1960, where the lovely Marilyn Monroe acts alongside French actor Yves Montand. In this picture you can see the lamp behind Marilyn in the bedroom scene, as she sings the title song wearing a light blue pleated dress that beautifully matches the LE KLINT pleats of model 101

In 2007 as a personal tribute to Kaare Klint, CEO Kim .W. Jensen ingeniously complimented the iconic Lantern by extending the series with an XL model. He also added a subtle sleek modern steel finish that truly enhances the appearance of this lamp.



Kaare Klint
Architect, brother of Tage Klint



Danish Museum of Decorative Art
The Lantern in the niches towards the garden



Marilyn Monroe in the movie
"Let's Make Love"