The Veterans Room at the Park Avenue Armory was completed in 1881 and designed by Louis Comfort Tiffany, Stanford White, Candace Wheeler and Samuel Colman. This was the era of open gas flames, cigars and when the coal driven New York Central Railroad ran directly in front of the building. While originally a combination of military base and men's social club, the building's primary function today is one of cultural arts and special events. The lighting restoration goal was to reveal the room's beauty while maintaining the historic drama and allowing flexibility for the wide array of uses employed today.