

Islamic art as cultural diplomacy



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One of the finest collections of Islamic art in the world has been given a new home at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Drawn from the Middle East, North Africa, Europe and Asia the artefacts on display evoke the rich diversity of Islam.

As well as captivating the public, the Metropolitan Museum is hoping its new galleries will also help dispel stereotypes about Muslim culture in the United States.

Michael Maher reports on the exhibition, which opens on 1 November.