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Portrait Presentation: A Conversation with Alice Waters

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<i>Marty</i>: Welcome, everyone, for what we know is going to be a memorable and a festive evening,

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to celebrate the arrival of a portrait— which will be in the permanent collection of the National Portrait Gallery —of Alice Waters and more about that in a little bit.

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For this conversation, of course, we have two extraordinary people — and to introduce them and to give us a bit of context, I want to turn to Jack Watson who is the chairman of the commission of The National Portrait Gallery: Jack? [[CLAPPING]]

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<i>Jack Watson</i>: Thank you, Marty. And to everyone, welcome to this wonderful, festive evening. We are so excited to have both Alice and José here, and we're-

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we are so thrilled that Alice Water's portrait is coming into the permanent collection of the National Portrait Gallery.

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Quickly, I want to tell you that the event tonight really started almost a decade, actually more than a decade ago, when an extraordinary woman named Virginia Outwin Boochever made a very generous gift to the Portrait Gallery to fund a national portrait competition.

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We are in the third one now, and we have had for each of the two previous competitions — national competitions — of portraiture in every medium,

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over four-thousand applicants. So we are engendering in the country, and among artists throughout the country, a revived in interest in American portraiture.

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And, we are so pleased that the portrait of Alice, which is being unveiled tonight, was done by the 2009 winner of the Outwin Boochever competition, Mr. Dave Woody, whom you'll meet in a while.

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The Boochever family is here with us - they continue to be very supportive in sustaining and expanding and enhancing this treasure of a national competition.

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John Boochever is the esteemed vice chairman of the commission and his sister Mary will be talking to you at the presentation of the portrait.

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I also want to note that your generosity simply in being here is also supporting the efforts of this competition and we thank you for that



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