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DINKINS EXHIBITS AWARD WINNING PORTRAITS BY ARTIST FRAN LEW

Manhattan Borough President David N. Dinkins will present "Portraits of Famous Personalities," a special exhibition of work by award winning portrait artist, Fran Lew at a gala reception on Thursday evening, June 15, 1989, from 5pm to 7pm. The exhibit will be held in the Manhattan Borough President's Art Gallery, Municipal Building, 1 Centre Street, 19th floor from June 8 to June 28.

Among the works to be presented are portraits of Golda Meir, former Prime Minster of Israel, David Ben-Gurion, First Prime Minister of Israel and Dr. Vincent du Vigneaud, Nobel Laureate in chemistry.

Fran Lew, a resident of White Plains, New York, has developed a strong following as a portrait artist. In addition to private commissions, Ms. Lew's list of subjects include heads of state, executives of major corporations, distingushed members of the clergy, medical professionals and a Nobel Laureate. In the Borough President's art gallery, is a photograph of her recent portrait of Matilda Cuomo, First Lady of New York State, which hangs in the Governor's Mansion in Albany, N.Y.

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The artist has won major awards at important national exhibitions. Among these awards are: Gold Medal at the Knickerbocker Artists Annual, First Place for Graphic at the Salmagundi Club, Margaret Dole Award for Best Portrait at the Catherine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club Exhibit, and the Solo Award for Best Oil Painting at the Pen & Brush Club. Fran Lew's studio is in White Plains, NY. She is represented by Grand Central Galleries, 24 West 57th Street, New York City.