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Heritage Panels

Judy Chicago: I'd like to introduce you to the Heritage Panels. Like the Heritage Floor, the names listed on the Heritage Panels are organized beneath their corresponding place setting. The 999 Heritage Floor names contain biographical information and a small amount of information on each woman. To contextualize the importance of the legacy of history that *The Dinner Party* presents, I also included a narrative, which you can read in the gold panels that move through the large photo panels. This is one of many narratives that are part of *The Dinner Party*. The story of women's history is told through the place settings, the runners, the backs of the runners, the names of the women on the floor, and the streams of history they represent, and through this passage of gold blocks of text on the Heritage Panel. One of the reasons I structured *The Dinner Party* in this multiple narrative was in order to allow viewers to go as deep as they wished into women's history. It was so rich that it could be overwhelming, but if you want to be overwhelmed, jump in and read all the different narratives.

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