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### Soundbites Transcribed

1. It's an historic moment. This is a historic moment in the history of the Whitney Museum, and I hope people come to see the art and to be part of what's really history.
2. The Whitney is one of the premier collections of American art in the world.
3. The new Whitney is having a great role in the appreciation of American art, and that's what its mission was when it was first founded by Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney.
4. One of the great things in this building is not only can you walk inside the building, but you kind of walk outside the building because we have 13,000 square feet of outdoor terraces. So, people will see art with the sky as the background. They'll also be able to walk on exterior stairs and see different levels of the building. Look down on art, look up at art... and be in the city.
5. There are two great moments: one, the first time a work of art comes into the building and the second is when the public comes into the building. Watching people come into the building, see the building, experience it, look at the art. You know, art is about communication and it's about that exchange. So, it's not complete; it's not a museum until it has the art and the people.