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WASHINGTON D.C. — A newly commissioned painting of Julie Packard will soon be on display at the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery.

Packard is the founding director of the Monterey Bay Aquarium and has redefined aquariums as a force for conservation. According to the [aquarium's website](#), Packard is an international leader in ocean conservation.

The portrait was made by New York City-based artist Hope Gangloff, and will first be displayed April 23.

"Inspired by Packard's commitment to ocean conservation, the portrait was conceived during Gangloff's visits to the Monterey Bay Aquarium in California. The design is reflective of the aquarium's aquatic life and the artist's affinity for large-scale canvases and bright color palettes," read the National Portrait Gallery's press release.

Funding for the portrait and public program was provided by the Monterey Bay Aquarium board of trustees.