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### **Cambridge Public Library Presents Natalie Dykstra, Author of *Chasing Beauty: The Life of Isabella Stewart Gardner***

**CAMBRIDGE, MA, April 17**—On Wednesday, April 24, at 6 p.m., the Cambridge Public Library will host Natalie Dykstra in a conversation —moderated by *Washington Post* art critic Sebastian Smee— about her new book *Chasing Beauty: The Life of Isabella Stewart Gardner*. This event is hybrid, and [registration is required](#).

Called a "wise, sparkling book" by Stacy Schiff and "an elegant depiction of a larger-than-life trailblazer" by *Publisher's Weekly*, *Chasing Beauty* is built upon both original research of previously unexamined documents as well as Dykstra's deep understanding of her subject's complexities and contradictions.

Natalie Dykstra is the author of *Clover Adams: A Gilded and Heartbreaking Life*. Her work on Isabella Stewart Gardner has won a Public Scholars Award from the National Endowment for the Humanities and an inaugural Robert and Ina Caro Research/Travel Fellowship sponsored by the Biographers International Organization (BIO). Dykstra, emerita professor of English at Hope College in Michigan, lives with her husband in Waltham, MA.

Copies of *Chasing Beauty* will be available for purchase at the event, and a signing will follow the discussion.

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