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Host And today we have the pleasure of talking to Oscar Suarez, an exceptionally talented and imaginative young designer who has really brightened up the final day of this season's Fashion Week. Welcome to our show, Oscar.

Oscar Thank you for inviting me.

Host Oscar, I understand that you don't consider yourself a "designer." Could you explain that better to our listeners?

Oscar Well, I like to think of myself as a "creator." I create things; I don't only "design" them. Of course, lately, I have been mainly designing clothes, accessories, shoes. However, in the past, I also created home decorations and even furniture. And I have also worked as an illustrator. I've done illustrations for magazines, books, and even for packaging.

Host Oh, I was not aware of your work as an illustrator.

Oscar Yes, not many people know about it. And I sometimes create sculptures as well, although I don't consider myself particularly competent at that.

Host Wow! I think you definitely deserve to be called a "creator." Now … how did this brilliant career as a creator start?

Oscar Uh … I was already pretty artistic as a child. However, I think that what really set me on this career path was a vacation in Madrid with my grandparents when I was thirteen. We visited the Prado Museum, and some of the works of art I saw there really captured my imagination and left a lasting impression on me. On that trip, I realized that I really wanted to create beautiful things that would raise people's spirits and brighten up their days.

Host So, it was very fortunate for us that your grandparents decided to take you to the Prado.

Oscar Ha. I would say that it was especially fortunate for me to have such fantastic grandparents. They have always encouraged me to improve my skills, to learn more about art and design. They have also always supported my decision to have a career associated with the arts. I sometimes think they considered me … I don't know … gifted.

Host You certainly are extremely talented. Now, what about your parents? Have they also encouraged you to pursue a more artistic career?

Oscar Well, they have never prevented me from having one, but they have always had doubts about whether this was the best path for me.

Host Interesting … Now … you went to college in Boston, correct?