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PORTRAIT RETOUCHING CHECKLIST

01. EXPRESSION/EMOTION/GESTURE

Does the image conveys your emotions/thoughts?
Does it have more than what is shows?

02. TECHNICAL ISSUES

Is the image in focus mainly the eyes?
Is there any issues with the lighting?
Is there any issues with the composition?
Is everything ok with the environment, props and wardrobe?

03. EYES

Are the irises well lit?
Is the white of the eyes ok or it needs to be corrected?
Is the contrast in the eyes ok?
Are their any veins that needs to be removed?
Are the eyelashes and eyebrows ok?
Sharpen the eyes.

04. MOUTH

Are the lips well outlined and clean?
Is the colour/light of the lips ok or does it needs to be enhanced?
Is the contrast in the lips ok?
Is there any tooth that needs to be repaired?
Does the teeth needs to be brightened?

05. FACE/SKIN

Are the ears and nose ok?
Does the skin have a uniform colour/hue?
Are there any blemishes or other issues that needs to be removed?
Are there dark areas under the eyes that needs to be corrected?
Are there any hotspots that needs to be reduced?
Does the wrinkles needs to be reduced?
Is the make-up ok?
Does the skin needs to be softened?
Does the face needs to be sculpted? (Dodge & Brun)

06. HAIR

Are there any stray hairs over the eyes or face that needs to be removed?
Is the colour of the hair ok?
Is there any gaps that needs to be filled?
Does the hair has highlights and an healthy look?
Does it needs more contrast?

07. FINAL TOUCHES

Sharpening, both locally and globally (special care with the eyes).
Apply the same procedures for neck, shoulders, arms, hands, clothes, etc. depending of what appears in the final image.
Take care of the skin. The tone must be consistent.