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Buffalo, NY - Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY-28), Chairwoman of the House Committee on Rules and Co-Chair of the Congressional Arts Caucus, today applauded the opening of the new Burchfield-Penney Art Center in Buffalo, New York.

Rep. Slaughter secured \$400,000 in the FY08 Omnibus Appropriations bill to complete the construction of this state-of-

the-art museum which will house a comprehensive collection of work by Charles E. Burchfield and other distinguished artists from Western New York.

"Art has the unique capacity to educate, bridge cultures and generations, and instill character in communities," said Rep. Slaughter. "The new Burchfield-Penney art museum will no doubt do just that."

"The opening of this state-of-the-art museum will attract tourists, create jobs, and enhance our regional economy," Slaughter continued. "I am pleased to have secured federal funds to complete construction on this impressive museum that will be an important cultural and economic addition to Western New York."

The new art center will host an estimated 60,000 visitors each year.

BACKGROUND

The Burchfield-Penney Art Center is a museum dedicated to the art and vision of Charles E. Burchfield and distinguished artists of Western New York. Through its affiliation with Buffalo State College, the museum encourages learning and celebrates Buffalo's richly creative and diverse community.

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