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Arts Programs in Buffalo and Rochester Stand to Benefit Greatly from Generous Funding

Washington, DC - Rep. Louise Slaughter (NY-28) is pleased to announce over \$450,000 in private and Federal grants for arts organizations in Buffalo and Rochester.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services was a significant contributor, providing \$133,313 to the George Eastman House. This grant was complimented by the National Endowment for the Arts, which donated \$200,000 to the same recipient as part of the N.E.A.'s American Masterpieces ongoing national arts initiative.

Further N.E.A. funds were also received by a variety of recipients. \$65,000 was granted to the Rochester City School District so that area schools can study the impact of integrated arts instruction on student learning. \$30,000 more was given to the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra in support of "Symphony 101," an outreach program aimed at offering underserved and low-income residents access to performances and lectures for first-time concertgoers at Roberts Wesleyan College. In addition, \$10,000 in N.E.A. money was earmarked for both Locust Street Neighborhood Art Classes, Inc. of Buffalo and Writers and Books, Inc. of Rochester, two district organizations which run education and art-oriented programs for children and adults. The Just Buffalo Literary Center, Inc. was also provided with \$10,000 to further its literary work in the greater Buffalo area.

"The arts are extremely important to our local community and enrich the lives of our residents," Slaughter remarked. "I am pleased to know that the funds granted by the National Endowment for the Arts will provide the opportunity for Buffalo and Rochester residents to take advantage of a wide variety of exciting art, music, and literary outreach programs. At the same time," Slaughter added, "the Institute of Museum and Library Services grant will provide the volumes maintained in the rich collection of rare books at the George Eastman house with a proper home."

SUMMARY OF FUNDING:

BUFFALO:

The Just Buffalo Literacy Center was awarded a \$10,000 Access to Artistic Excellence grant by the National Endowment for the Arts to support outreach programs including If All Buffalo Read the Same Book, Poetry To Go poetry readings at public venues and World of Voices programs that provide international writers with week-long residencies.

Locust Street Neighborhood Art Classes, Inc. received \$10,000 from the National Endowment for the Arts' Access to Artistic Excellence program to allow free classes in photography, ceramics, painting and drawing to be offered to inner-city children in Buffalo.

ROCHESTER:

The George Eastman House received \$133,313 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to install new compact shelving and purchase a micro-environmental system to mitigate existing temperature and humidity problems to

house the museum's rare book collection, consisting of 6,869 rare books, 5,249 journal volumes, and 1,004 audiotapes.

The Rochester City School District was awarded \$65,000 by the Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth category of the National Endowment for the Arts to launch an impact study on arts instruction integration to investigate the impact of integrated arts instruction on student learning in English language, arts, and theater.

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Writers & Books, Inc. was granted \$10,000 by the National Endowment for the Arts' Access to Artistic Excellence program to offer readings, writing workshops, and online classes in support of the Literary Learning for a Lifetime series of education and outreach programs.