

## Jan 24 2006 - Slaughter Receives Yates Advocacy Award

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#### Association of Performing Arts Presenters Honors Slaughter for Support of Arts Nationally

Washington, DC - Rep. Louise M. Slaughter (D-Fairport), Ranking Member of the House Rules Committee, has received the Sydney R. Yates Advocacy Award for her national leadership as co-chair of the Congressional Arts Caucus, as well as in appreciation of her work on behalf of Western New York's arts community. The award was presented to Rep. Slaughter by Garth Fagan, the founder and director of Rochester's celebrated Garth Fagan Dance.

"Sydney Yates knew the value of art, and knew the positive impact it has on our lives and communities," Rep. Slaughter said. "Today, artists like Garth Fagan continue to enrich our lives with their work. I'm honored to be on the same stage with such a wonderful artist, and I am grateful for the chance to support the arts throughout our country."

The Sydney R. Yates Advocacy Award, named for the late Congressman Sydney R. Yates, honors an individual or an organization for a particular advocacy effort or for a sustained advocacy campaign at the national, state, or local level that has had a significant impact on the performing arts.

### BACKGROUND

The award was given to Rep. Slaughter by the Association of Performing Arts Presenters at their national conference in New York City. The Arts Presenters is a membership organization with over 1,700 members worldwide, and is dedicated

to bringing performing artists and audiences together in every place and way imaginable. The Association achieves its goal by providing visionary thinking, professional development, resource sharing, and advocacy in support of its members and all those who create and disseminate the performing arts.

Congresswoman Slaughter has served as co-chair of the Congressional Arts Caucus since 1993. This 188 member bipartisan caucus supports the arts through federal initiatives. The chief mission of the Arts Caucus is to secure adequate funding for the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Institute for Museums and Library Services.