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BUFFALO, NY  
- Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY-28), Chairwoman of the House Rules

Committee, joined Dr.

Muriel Howard, President of Buffalo State College, and Cindy Abbott Letro, Chairwoman of the Burchfield-Penney Board of Trustees, to announce the \$400,000 that she secured in the FY 2008 Omnibus Appropriations bill. The funding will be used to complete construction of a state-of-the-art, stand-alone museum.

"Art has the unique capacity to educate, bridge cultures and generations, and instill character in communities," said Rep. Slaughter. "I am pleased that I was able to secure funds to complete this impressive museum which will display the largest collection of Charles Burchfield's pieces in the nation."

"The contribution of this museum will no doubt attract tourists and enhance Western New York's economy," Slaughter continued. "But the best part is that the museum will house works by talented, nationally recognized artists living in our own backyard."

## BACKGROUND

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

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