



**UUP TALKING POINTS
2010-2011 EXECUTIVE BUDGET
NEW YORK STATE THEATRE INSTITUTE (NYSTI)**

I. Governor's Budget Proposal

The Governor's Executive Budget phases out State funding for NYSTI during 2010-2011. It proposes to eliminate all remaining State funding for the institute for 2011-2012. The Governor has called upon NYSTI to be self-supporting.

II. UUP Position

NYSTI provides an invaluable service to the citizens of New York. UUP requests that full State funding be provided for a 2010-2011 restoration of \$1.6 million.

III. Talking Points

- NYSTI provides a unique and important cultural service to our children.
- It complements the educational services provided by our public schools.
- It is unreasonable to expect the institute to survive on just ticket sales.
- That is why it was established, in the first instance, as a public agency.
- NYSTI has proven that it deserves continued State support.