

# THEATRE AND THE ARTS

did you know...?

⇒ 56% of corporate executives and 79% of school superintendents agree that a college degree in the arts is the most significant indicator of creativity in a prospective job candidate.

Source: *Ready to Innovate*.

⇒ A national poll of voters indicated that 91% believe that the arts are essential for building the capacity of imagination and 73% felt that the ability to imagine is just as important as basic academic skills for all students.

Source: Arts Education Partnership/Lake Research Partners, 2008.

⇒ 97% of surveyed school superintendents said that theatre activities develop creativity in students.

Source: *Ready to Innovate*.

⇒ Training in acting classes improves language and memory skills.

Source: *Learning, Arts and the Brain*, The Dana Foundation, 2008.

⇒ In 2010, students who took four years of arts classes while in high school scored 102 points better on their SATs than students who took only one-half year or less.

Source: Americans for the Arts/The College Board, 2010.

⇒ A study of Nobel Prize winners in science revealed that most have arts related hobbies.

Source: "Hobbled Arts Limit Our Future," *PsychologyToday/Imagine That!* blog, 2009.

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