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## GRANTS FROM BROWN RUDNICK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION SUPPORT PERFORMING ARTS AND LITERACY PROGRAMS

*Insight/Foresight Grants Awarded to Programs in Boston, MA and Hartford, CT*

**Boston, MA, January 17, 2006** – Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., a non-profit, tax-exempt entity established by attorneys from Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LLP, today announced that it has awarded three of its Insight/Foresight Grants to the Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Elementary School, the Hartford Jazz Society, and Hartbeat Ensemble Theater Group. The Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation's Insight/Foresight Grant Program provides funding to assist educators with small, concrete projects or needs, which will make an improvement in inner city education in Boston, Hartford, Providence or New York within the coming year. The grant applications and an explanation of the program can be found at <http://www.brownrudnickcenter.com/grant.asp>.

**The Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart Elementary School** in Roslindale, Massachusetts trains its staff in a balanced approach to literacy. The school will use the Insight/Foresight Grant to purchase science videos and materials to supplement the school's science program. Additionally, the grant will be used to partially fund the salary for a reading assistant for the school's home reading program.

**The Hartford Jazz Society (HSJ)** in Hartford, Connecticut is the oldest continuously operating jazz society in the country. The organization's goal is to foster an appreciation and love for jazz music in its many forms. The grant will help launch an outreach program that targets Hartford middle and high school students. Specifically, funds will be used to provide free music classes at the Wadsworth Hartford Atheneum Museum of Art.



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**HartBeat Ensemble** calls itself "Hartford's Theater for Active Change," and its productions are politically conscious and collaborative. The theater group will use the grant for four scholarships (\$500 each) that will allow low-income Hartford students to attend a week-long high school theater workshop, where students will have the opportunity to write, stage and perform their own play.

Comments Albert W. Wallis, executive director of the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., "Our goal is to expand learning opportunities for low-income children in our local communities. We support a variety of literacy-rich activities and arts programs that offer a platform for creative expression, providing children with a heightened sense of self-worth and helping students develop into well-rounded individuals."

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The Brown Rudnick Center for the Public Interest is a measure of the Firm's strong commitment to the community and serves as an umbrella entity encompassing the Firm's pro bono legal work, charitable giving, community involvement and public interest efforts. The Center supports the mission of the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., which provides grants in support of improving inner city education. For more information about the Center, please visit [www.brownrudnick.com/what/center.htm](http://www.brownrudnick.com/what/center.htm).

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