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Brown Rudnick Continues to Support Arts Education by Awarding Grant to the Trinity Repertory Company

Boston, MA and Providence, RI, November 1, 2006 – Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., a nonprofit, tax-exempt entity established by attorneys from Brown Rudnick Berlack Israels LLP, today announced that it has awarded one of its Insight/Foresight Grants to the **Trinity Repertory Company** in Providence, Rhode Island. The grant will be used to support Trinity Rep's "Project Discovery," a pioneering educational outreach program that works to introduce Rhode Island and Massachusetts students to live theater. 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 Foundation's grant will enable students enrolled in the Hope Arts English class from Hope High School in Providence, R.I. to attend the production of *Our Town* at Trinity Rep and participate in pre- and post-performance workshops led by members of Trinity Rep's resident acting company along with the help of a Brown Rudnick volunteer. The funds will pay for pre-performance workshops for classes scheduled to attend *Our Town*; standards-based study guides for the production to be distributed in advance; free tickets to see a student matinee of *Our Town* at Trinity Rep; and post-performance classroom visits or workshops.

Project Discovery is a 40-year-old arts education initiative that encompasses in-school arts/literacy programs, and provides student matinees, artist residencies, professional development for teachers, collaborations with schools throughout Rhode Island, and standards-based study guides that include sample curricula developed according to state and school district requirements.

"We are delighted to have Brown Rudnick's support on this important project," states Curt Columbus, Trinity Rep's artistic director. "The Insight/Foresight Grant will enable Hope High School to bring a more encompassing arts education plan to its students. This will further our goal to strengthen theater arts education as part of the school's core curriculum, providing students with a quality creative learning experience that will improve their academic and social skills."



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Comments Albert W. Wallis, executive director of the Brown Rudnick Charitable Foundation Corp., "Trinity Rep has a long history of providing outstanding arts learning opportunities for inner-city youth, and we are pleased to offer this grant. Studies have shown that arts education has a significant impact on a student's learning experience, and can strengthen critical-thinking skills and foster a sense of appreciation and understanding of the world."

About The Trinity Repertory Company

Since its founding in 1964, Trinity Repertory Company has been one of the most respected regional theaters in the country. Featuring an acclaimed resident acting company, Trinity Rep presents a balance of world premiere, contemporary, and classic works, including six subscription productions, an annual production of **A Christmas Carol**, for an estimated annual audience of nearly 160,000. In its 42-year history, the theater has presented nearly 50 world premieres, mounted national and international tours, and, through its graduate-level theater arts conservatory, trained hundreds of new actors and directors. Project Discovery, Trinity Rep's pioneering educational outreach program launched in 1966, introduces over 30,000 Rhode Island and Massachusetts students a year to live theater. Trinity Rep's 43rd season includes **Cherry Orchard** by Anton Chekhov, translated and directed by Curt Columbus, **Dublin Carol** by Conor McPherson, **Our Town** by Thornton Wilder, **A Delicate Balance** by Edward Albee, **The Fantasticks** Music by Harvey Schmidt, book and lyrics by Tom Jones and **The Clean House** by Sarah Ruhl. For more information, call the box office at (401) 351-4242 or visit Trinity Rep's website at www.trinityrep.com.

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