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## What's the latest?

### Where Art and History Meet

**Interchange**, along with St. Louis Public Schools, transported some special guests back in time during a dramatic presentation of the Civil Rights Movement, the culmination of a four-month project that wove the arts into the broader fourth grade curriculum. Delighted audience members included leadership from the Center of Creative Art (COCA), the St. Louis arts community and school administrators. The production was an opportunity to showcase the collaboration of all who are committed to providing the city's public schools with high quality education.



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### Voices of Innovation

**Cyrus Driver**, Deputy Director of the Education, Sexuality and Religion unit at The Ford Foundation has a unique perspective on the importance of arts learning. [Click here](#) to read what the former economist has to say about arts learning, the Ford Foundation and how he became a believer.

**John Abodeely**, Arts Education Manager for Americans for the Arts, shares his views on arts learning. [Listen to his interview](#) and you will learn about key ingredients for advocates and the role Americans for the Arts plays in keeping arts in schools.

## In case you missed it...

### New Report Shows Effect of Arts on Learning

The Dana Foundation has released a new report: [Learning, Arts, and the Brain](#). The report's researchers grappled with a fundamental question: *Are smart people drawn to the arts or does arts training make people smarter?*

Click [here](#) to read their findings.

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