

Music and Social Development

A Columbia University study discovered that students in the arts were **more cooperative with teachers and peers, more self-confident, and better able to express their ideas** regardless of socioeconomic background [(1999) The Arts Education Partnership].

Martin Gardiner of Brown University conducted a study on the criminal records of Rhode Island residents from birth to age 30. He discovered that **the more a resident was involved in music, the lower the person's arrest record was** [Gardiner, M. (Winter 2000). Music Linked to Reduced Criminality. *MUSICA Research Notes*].