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**Pulitzer Prize-winning Play to Open Warner's 2007-2008 Studio Theatre Season**

TORRINGTON, Conn. 69 Main St. -- The Warner Stage Company will present David Auburn's Pulitzer Prize & Tony Award-winning play *PROOF* October 5<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> at the Warner Theatre's Nancy Marine Studio Theatre.

Directed by Janice Luise-Lutkus, *PROOF* is a compelling and touching play that focuses on a daughter's fear of following in her famous father's footsteps and even possibly succumbing to the mental illness that ravaged his life. On the eve of her twenty-fifth birthday, Catherine (**Shannon Bolcer**), a troubled young woman, has spent years caring for her brilliant but unstable father, a famous mathematician. Now, following his death, she must deal with her own volatile emotions; the arrival of her estranged sister, Claire (**Dani Bryant**); and the attentions of Hal (**Christopher Smith**), a former student of her father's who hopes to find valuable work in the 103 notebooks that her father left behind. Over the long weekend that follows, a burgeoning romance and the discovery of a mysterious notebook draw Catherine into the most difficult problem of all: How much of her father's madness—or genius—will she inherit?

*PROOF* runs Friday, October 5 & 12 at 8pm, Saturday, October 6 & 13 at 2pm and 8pm, Sunday, October 7 at 2pm and Sunday, October 14 at 2pm and 7pm at the Nancy Marine Studio Theatre, 69 Main Street, in Torrington. Tickets are \$18.50. For information, please call or visit the Warner Theatre Box Office at (860) 489-7180 or purchase tickets online at [warnertheatre.org](http://warnertheatre.org)

*PROOF* is sponsored by Northwest Community Bank with additional support from the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism.

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**About the Warner Theatre**

Built by Warner Brothers Studios and opened in 1931 as a movie palace, the Warner Theatre was described then as "Connecticut's Most Beautiful Theatre." Damaged extensively in a flood, the Warner was slated for demolition in the early 1980s until the non-profit Northwest Connecticut Association for the Arts (NCAA) was founded and purchased the theatre. The Warner reopened as a performing arts center in 1983, and restoration of the lobbies and auditorium was completed in November 2002. Today, the Warner is in operation year-round with more than 160 performances and some 92,000 patrons passing through its doors each season. NCAA's mission is to preserve the Warner Theatre as an historic landmark, enhance its reputation as a center of artistic excellence and a focal point of community involvement, and satisfy the

diverse cultural needs of the region. To learn more about the Warner Theatre, visit our website:  
[www.warnertheatre.org](http://www.warnertheatre.org).