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National Comedy Troupe Makes Stop at Warner to Lampoon Politicians *Torrington Mayor to take part in festivities*

TORRINGTON, CT- Just in time for the 2008 Primary season, the Warner Theatre, 68 Main Street, will play host to the political comedy troupe **Capitol Steps** January 26th at 8 p.m. Torrington Mayor, Ryan Bingham will be on hand to welcome the group to Torrington from the Warner Stage prior to the show. The Mayor will also host a pre-show reception in the theatre's second floor Atrium Gallery at which state and local politicians from across the region have been invited to attend.

The Capitol Steps were born in December, 1981 when some staffers for Senator Charles Percy were planning entertainment for a Christmas party. Ronald Reagan was President when the Steps began, so co-founders Elaina Newport, Bill Strauss and Jim Aidala figured that if entertainers could become politicians, then politicians could become entertainers! So, they decided to dig into the headlines of the day, and created song parodies & skits which conveyed a special brand of satirical humor that was as popular in Peoria as it was on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Most cast members have worked on Capitol Hill; some for Democrats, some for Republicans, and others for politicians who firmly straddle the fence. No matter who holds office, there's never a shortage of material. Says Elaina Newport, "Typically the Republicans goof up, and the Democrats party. Then the Democrats goof up and the Republicans party. That's what we call the two-party system."

Since they began, the Capitol Steps have recorded 27 albums, including their latest, *Springtime for Liberals*. They've been featured on NBC, CBS, ABC, and PBS, and can be heard 4 times a year on National Public Radio stations nationwide during their *Politics Takes a Holiday* radio specials.

Reserved seat tickets are \$34.50, \$27.50, \$17.50. For tickets and information, please call or visit the Warner Theatre Box Office at (860) 489-7180, 68 Main Street, Torrington or buy online at www.warnertheatre.org.

Capitol Steps is presented through the generous support of the CT Commission on Culture and Tourism and Radio Media Sponsor FM 97.3 WZBG.

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.