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Students from the Warner Theatre Center for Arts Education to participate in story time at Canton's Barnes and Noble Booksellers

Torrington, CT – On Saturday, Feb. 13 at 10:30 am, students from the Warner Theatre Center for Arts Education's production of *Charlotte's Web* will be participating in a special story time at the Barnes and Noble bookstore located in the Shoppes at Farmington Valley retail complex on RT. 44 in Canton. Children attending the story time will hear a story based on E. B. White's children's classic *Charlotte's Web* read by the characters themselves. Following a reading by "Charlotte" and "Wilbur" children attending story time will participate in an activity related to the story.

Charlotte's Web will be performed at the Warner Theatre on Saturday, February 20th at 7pm and Sunday, February 21st at 2pm. Featuring students from the Warner Theatre's on-site school for the arts, the Warner Theatre Center for Arts Education, this production is part of the Warner's Young Actors Series. An abbreviated version will be presented to local schools on Monday Feb 22 at 9:45am as part of the Warner's Daytime Performance Series.

Tickets for the Young Actors Series performances on February 20 & 21 are \$12.50. To purchase tickets call the Warner box office at 860-489-7180 or buy online at www.warnertheatre.org. Tickets for the abbreviated Daytime performance on February 22 are \$7 and available by calling or visiting the Warner box office.

To learn more about the Warner Theatre Center for Arts Education visit our website at www.warnertheatre.org/WTCAE or call 860-489-7180 ext 128.

Charlotte's Web is sponsored by Yankee New England Real Estate

ABOUT THE WARNER THEATRE

Built by Warner Brothers Studios and opened in 1931 as a movie palace (1,772 seats), 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 main lobbies and auditorium was completed in November 2002. In 2008, the new 50,000 square foot Carole and Ray Neag Performing Arts Center, which houses a 300 seat studio theatre, 200 seat restaurant and micro-brewery and expansive school for the arts, was completed. Today, the Warner is in operation year-round with more than 160 performances and 100,000 patrons passing through its doors each season. Over 10,000 students, pre K—adult, participate in arts education programs and classes. Together, with the support of the community, the Warner has raised close to \$17 million to revitalize its facilities. 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.