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The Warner Theatre Center for Arts Education presents

"DIARY OF ANNE FRANK" in May!

TORRINGTON, Conn. 68 Main St. – The Warner Theatre's Center for Arts Education presents **THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK**, May 18th-20th at the Warner Theatre.

Based on Anne Frank's diary, this is the poignant true story of two families struggling to survive during a time of persecution and terror. Caught in the midst of the mounting horrors around her is the young Anne Frank, who, though trapped by the crushing force of Nazi Germany, still maintains an unwavering hope for the future. The indomitable spirit of this young girl will inspire and move audiences of all ages. Directed by Isabel Hinman (*Steel Magnolias*, *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*) and starring the students of the Warner Theatre's advanced Performance Lab class, featuring: Theresa Murphy, Mia Alicata, Katie Bucaccio, Anna Driscoll, Kelsey Ocain, Jarod Karanian, Mike Labbadia, Derek Clark, Karen Thomas, Chyenne Giarnese, Nick Maraia, Matt Messina and Christina Cooper, **THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK** is an inspiring story for the whole family. Come to the **Sunday, May 20th** performance, for a very special post-show **Q&A panel discussion with Holocaust survivors** and the cast of the production.

The presentation of **THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK** is part of the school's **Young Actors' Series** which features students of the **Warner Theatre Center for Arts Education** in performances ranging from children's theater to Shakespeare. The series gives students the opportunity to showcase their skills developed in class, while giving the audience an exposure to the theatrical training process through the presentation of popular plays and musicals.

Tickets for **THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK** are \$10.50. For more information or to purchase tickets call the Warner Box Office at (860) 489-7180 or purchase online at www.warnertheatre.org. This production is presented with the support of **The Foundation, Jewish Communities of Western, CT, Inc.** Radio Media Sponsor for the Warner Theatre's Young Actor's Series is **Radio Disney 1580 AM**.

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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 140 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.