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**American Country Music Artist, Gary Allan
To Perform at the Warner Theatre on March 3**

Torrington, CT – Country music artist, singer/songwriter, Gary Allan will be performing at the Warner Theatre on Thursday, March 3 at 8pm.

The *New York Times* describes Allan's music as "elegant, often deadpan songs [that] tend toward manly understatement. His sound is heavily influenced by the Bakersfield scene, especially Buck Owens and Merle Haggard. He prefers this sound to that of the more pop country that is prevalent on country radio, because "the songs have got to have soul, have real meaning....Country music is...what happens during the week. Rock 'n roll is about what happens at the weekend".

Allan's seven studio albums and Greatest Hits package have produced twenty-four singles on the *Billboard* Hot Country Songs charts, including three that reached Number One: "Man to Man", "Tough Little Boys", and "Nothing On but the Radio". Seven more of his singles have reached the Top Ten on this chart as well: "Her Man", "It Would Be You", "Right Where I Need to Be", "The One", "Best I Ever Had" (a cover of a Vertical Horizon song), "Life Ain't Always Beautiful", and "Watching Airplanes". Allan's latest album, *Get Off on the Pain* sums up his fifteen years of music-making. "It's a consolidation of everything I've done, and what's to come."

Now he comes to the Warner for the first time! Don't miss it.

Tickets for this performance are \$100, \$49.50, \$39.50 and can be purchased by calling the Warner box office at 860-489-7180 or online at www.warnertheatre.org.

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.