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'GREASE' comes to Warner Theatre in February!

Waterbury Radio Personality on Tap to Direct

TORRINGTON, Conn. 68 Main St. (January 22, 2008) –The Warner Stage Company continues its 20th Anniversary Season with the **Hollywood & Broadway** sensation **GREASE**. The legendary musical plays February 16-23 in a rollicking, high-octane production complete with all of the toe-tapping musical numbers that were made popular during the shows record-setting Broadway run and later in the Iconic Hollywood movie. Other musicals in the 2007-2008 Season include **MISS SAIGON**, **CRAZY FOR YOU** and **THE KING & I**. **CHICAGO** kicked off the season in November.

The musical, set in 1959 in fictional Rydell High in Chicago, focuses on the romance between high schoolers Danny Zuko (*Michael Chenkus*) and Sandy Dumbrowski (*Courtney Chute*) and tackles such social issues as teenage pregnancy and gang violence; its themes include love, friendship, teenage rebellion, sexual exploration during adolescence and, to some extent, class consciousness/class conflict. The show's score celebrates '50s rock and roll, as well as doo-wop and other contemporary styles.

GREASE became the longest-running Broadway musical in history, until it was beaten by **A CHORUS LINE**, and went on to become a West End hit, a hugely successful film, a popular 1994 Broadway revival and a basis for a 2007 reality show and subsequent Broadway revival.

With music, lyrics and book by **Jim Jacobs** and **Warren Casey**, **GREASE** is directed at the Warner Theatre by WATR radio personality **Tom Chute** (**SOUND OF MUSIC**), with musical direction by **Dan Koch** (**HAIR**, **PETER PAN**) and choreography by **Donna Bonaserra** (**CATS**).

The show runs at the Warner Theatre on Saturday, February 16 & 23 at 8pm; Sunday, February 17 at 2pm; and Friday, February 22 at 8pm. Tickets are \$18.50, \$21.50, \$24.50.

For information, please call or visit the Warner Theatre Box Office at (860) 489-7180 or purchase tickets online at warnertheatre.org. Group Discounts are available for all Warner Main Stage Musicals.

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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 more than 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.