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## **Honors Bestowed on Warner Theatre's Executive Director and Director of Education**

Torrington, CT - The Warner Theatre is proud to announce the recognition of its Executive Director, James Patrick and Director of Education, Isabel Carrington for their contributions to Litchfield County and the Farmington Valley.

The editors of Litchfield Magazine have published their list of the 50 most influential people in Litchfield County. Warner Executive Director, James Patrick is included in this list of Litchfield County residents who "use their time, talent and resources to improve this corner of paradise and to weave a certain charm into the fabric of Litchfield County".

"Being named alongside several nationally recognized artists and luminaries is a great honor and very unexpected. I am happy to have played some role in the Warner's success. The beauty of the Warner is that it is the result of many...past, present and future. Best of all, this recognition in Litchfield Magazine helps to get the good word out about the Warner, its unique mission and the need it is filling in our region." said Mr. Patrick.

On May 21, the Farmington Historical Society presented their honorees for the 2010 "Farmington Women Honoring Farmington Women." Among this years honorees was the Warner Theatre's Director of Education, Isabel Carrington. Each year women from Farmington/Unionville who have made significant contributions with their lives are honored. Committee nominators stated: "The Warner Theatre is no longer just a destination for great entertainment. With the work and dedication of one Farmington woman-Director of the Warner Theatre Center for Arts Education Isabel Carrington-it is now also the destination for complete education in the arts".

"It is a true honor to receive this award and to be included among such incredibly dedicated

women, past and present. I am delighted to know that my work has made such a positive impact.” said Ms. Carrington.

#### **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](http://www.warnertheatre.org).

