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## **Legendary Folk Singer, Joan Baez Returns to the Warner Theatre**

Torrington, CT – On Thursday, July 22 at 8pm, American folk singer, songwriter and activist, Joan Baez will be returning to the Warner Theatre.

Baez has performed publicly for over 50 years, released over 30 albums and recorded songs in at least eight languages. Well known for her hits, *Diamonds & Rust*, *The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down* and *Farewell Angelina*, her performance at the legendary 1969 Woodstock concert remains one of the highlights of the historic event.

"It seems to me that those songs that have been any good, I have nothing much to do with the writing of them. The words have just crawled down my sleeve and come out on the page." Says Ms. Baez of her music.

Tickets for the Joan Baez concert are \$30, \$40, \$60 and may be purchased by calling the Warner Theatre box office at 860-489-7180 or online at [www.warnertheatre.org](http://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](http://www.warnertheatre.org).