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The Warner Theatre's Marquee Continues to Shine – but more efficiently- Thanks to Donations

Torrington, CT - Thanks to Yankee Gas and SHW Casting Technologies, Inc. 2,525 bulbs that light the magnificent Warner marquee will be replaced with LED bulbs.

The theatre received a \$10,000 donation from Yankee Gas Company and an additional \$2,000 from SHW Casting Technologies to help underwrite the cost of this energy saving project. "Yankee Gas is pleased to assist the Warner Theater with its energy conservation initiatives" stated Thomas Dorsey, Manager of Governmental Affairs for Yankee Gas.

LED bulbs use approximately 10 times less KWH of electricity and, in this use, have four times the lifespan of incandescent bulbs. "We are very grateful to both Yankee Gas and SHW for their support. Replacement of the incandescent bulbs will result in tremendous savings to the theatre." says Warner Interim Executive Director, Trish Shishkov.

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.

