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***One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest begins
June 13 at the Warner Theatre's, Nancy Marine Studio Theatre***

Torrington, CT - On June 13-21, the Warner Stage Company will present, the Tony Award- winning play, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* in the Nancy Marine Studio Theatre. Based on the novel of the same title and the movie starring Jack Nicholson, it is the story of prisoner Randle McMurphy, a boisterous character full of vitality and humor who declares himself insane in order to be transferred to a mental institution, which he believes will be more comfortable than the jailhouse. Once there, McMurphy fights a futile battle to liberate his fellow mental patients from the psychological and emotional controls exerted by Nurse Ratched.

The story features a cast of unforgettable supporting characters and deals with the issues of patient abuse in a mental ward and the universal issues of human dignity and compassion. Directed by Paul Revaz, the Warner production includes: Mike Zizka, portraying McMurphy, Joe Harnett as the strong and stoic, Chief Bromden and Thom Bryda as the pathetically vulnerable Billy Bibbit.

Performance dates are: Saturday, June 13 & 20 at 8pm, Sunday, June 14 & 21 at 2pm and Friday, June 19 at 8pm. Tickets for these performances are \$18.50.

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NOTE: Photos of the production can be taken during the Technical Rehearsal on June 8th or 9th starting at 7pm. Press passes for review purposes are also available. For Photo or Press passes please contact Lynn Gelormino at (860)489-7180, ext. 157 to schedule a time or for more information.

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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 some 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.