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***WARNER THEATRE GETS SET FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL ONLINE AUCTION***

TORRINGTON, CT — The Warner Theatre will start the bidding on its **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Online Auction** on Monday, April 6, 2009. Auction items include: gift certificates, theatre tickets, hot air balloon rides, get away weekends, jewelry, a year's worth of oil changes for your car and much, much more. Bidding will continue until Friday, May 15 with all proceeds benefiting the Warner Theatre.

Join in the fun! Bid, Donate an Item or become an auction sponsor by visiting our auction website at [www.warnerauction2009.cmarket.com](http://www.warnerauction2009.cmarket.com) or visit the Warner Theatre website at [www.warnertheatre.org](http://www.warnertheatre.org).

Auction items are still being accepted and will continue to be added regularly throughout the auction period. For additional information, you may contact the Warner Theatre Development Department at 860-489-7180 ext. 107.

**About the Warner**

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