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**SPEND THE EVENING WITH
*NASCAR Hall of Famer "King" Richard Petty***

TORRINGTON, CT – On Friday, June 26 at 8pm at the Warner Theatre, you can spend an engaging evening with NASCAR Hall of Famer "King" Richard Petty, the first man to win 7 championships in NASCAR's premiere series, as well as record 200 career Cup victories. Known just as much for his motivational speaking as his racing, Richard Petty will discuss his racing triumphs, NASCAR history and his unique recipe for success.

Moderator for the evening will be Skip Barber, President of Lime Rock Park. A racer himself, Skip became one of just a handful of Americans to reach F1. He left the cockpit to open his eponymous school which he sold in 1999 to focus entirely on Lime Rock Park, one of the oldest and continuously operated road racing courses in the country.

Program to include a Q & A period with Richard Petty.

Tickets are \$19.50, \$29.50, \$39.50, \$50, Group discounts available.

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For more information on purchasing tickets, please contact the Warner Theatre Box Office at (860) 489-7180 or visit the Warner Theatre Online at www.warnertheatre.org.

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.