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THE NORTHWEST HILLS WILL BE ALIVE WITH *THE SOUND OF MUSIC* IN MAY!

Local Radio Morning Show Host Makes Warner Directing Debut with Production

TORRINGTON, Conn. 68 Main St. – The Warner Theatre will present **THE SOUND OF MUSIC** May 5 – 13 as part of the art deco theatre's 2006-2007 **Stage & Screen Season** which pays tribute to the plays and musicals that made it on the big screen.

THE SOUND OF MUSIC, based on the real-life story of the Von Trapp family, tells the story of a woman, Maria, who leaves an Austrian convent to serve as governess for the seven children of a widowed naval Captain. As the story unfolds, Maria falls in love with the stern captain only to be forced to flee as the Nazis invade Austria. The original Broadway musical was made into a beloved five-time Oscar winning movie featuring a then virtually unknown Julie Andrews as Maria.

Directed by **Tom Chute**, morning show host for Waterbury's am radio station **WATR**, with musical direction by **Neil Pagano** and choreography by **Donna Bonasera**, **THE SOUND OF MUSIC** features some of the all-time classic musical hits including: *Doe-Re-Mi*, *A Few of My Favorite Things*, *Edelweiss*, *The Lonely Goatherd* and many more. **THE SOUND OF MUSIC** marks Chute's directorial debut at the Warner Theatre.

The show runs at the Warner Theatre on **Friday & Saturday, May 5, 11 & 12 at 8pm** and **Sunday, May 6 & 13 at 2pm**. Tickets are \$22.50, \$19.50, \$16.50. In an effort to promote the Stage & Screen theme, the theatre will feature a **Stage & Screen Trivia Contest** which will quiz Warner website visitors on facts regarding the movie and the various stage productions of **THE SOUND OF MUSIC**. Each participant will be entered to win a gift basket, courtesy of the **Shoppes at Farmington Valley**, valued at more than \$100.00.

For information, please call or visit the Warner Theatre Box Office at (860) 489-7180 or purchase tickets online at warnertheatre.org. **Group Discounts** are available for all Warner Main Stage musicals.

THE SOUND OF MUSIC is sponsored by Torrington Savings Bank, with Radio media sponsor FM97.3 WZBG. Promotional support provided by The Shoppes at Farmington Valley with additional support from the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism.

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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 140 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.