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"Here's to You Mrs. Robinson"

*The Graduate Opens July 18 at the Warner Theatre's Nancy Marine
Studio Theatre*

TORRINGTON, CT – The Warner Theatre will present *The Graduate* July 18-26 at the Nancy Marine Studio Theatre. The novel written by Charles Webb was a 60's cult classic and the film, starring Dustin Hoffman, was nominated for seven Academy Awards. Benjamin Braddock returns from college to a party celebrating his graduation being held at his family's house. Family friend, Mr. Robinson asks Benjamin about his future plans and recommends that he seize every opportunity. So he does, specifically "Mrs. Robinson!" Life is great for Benjamin when he meets Elaine and falls in love. But there is one problem -- she's Mrs. Robinson's daughter!

Directed by Deighna DeRiu, the Warner Stage Company's production of *The Graduate* stars Ryan Stevens as Benjamin, Tracy James as Mrs. Robinson and Emma Bristow as Elaine. Show times are: Saturday, July 18 & 25 at 8pm, Sunday, July 19 & 26 at 2pm and Friday, July 24 at 8pm.

Tickets for this show are \$18.50. 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.

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NOTE: Opportunities to take photos of the production can be arranged for Monday, July 13th and Tuesday, July 14th at 7:30pm. Members of the Press interested in scheduling a photo shoot should contact Lynn Gelormino, Public Relations Coordinator at ext. 157.

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.