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Tuesdays with Morrie Opens this weekend at the Warner

TORRINGTON, CT – The Warner Theatre will present the heartwarming play, *Tuesdays With Morrie*, April 18-26 at the Warner's Nancy Marine Studio Theatre.

Based on the New York Times Best-selling book and Emmy-winning television movie, *Tuesdays With Morrie* is the autobiographical story of Mitch Albom, an accomplished journalist driven solely by his career, and Morrie Schwartz, his former college professor. Sixteen years after graduation, Mitch happens to catch Morrie's appearance on a television news program and learns that his old professor is battling Lou Gehrig's disease. Mitch is reunited with Morrie and what starts as a simple visit turns into a weekly pilgrimage and a last class in the meaning of life.

Tuesdays With Morrie, directed by Jim Smith, features Jason LaFreniere as Mitch Albom and Jack Kearney as Morrie Schwartz. The cast and director spent a day at the Hospital for Special Care learning about Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), or Lou Gehrig's Disease. Dr. Kevin J. Felice, of the Hospital for Special Care's Neuromuscular Medicine Clinic will open Saturday night's performance with a brief, informative session with the audience. A representative will be present to open each performance and provide information on ALS. May is ALS month and the cast and staff of the Warner Theatre are grateful to the Hospital for Special Care for embracing this production and sharing their knowledge with our audiences.

Performances are Saturday, April 18 & 25 at 8pm, Sunday, April 19 & 26 at 2pm; Friday, April 24 at 8pm and Saturday, April 25 at 2pm.

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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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.