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**After a successful Summer session, the Warner Theatre Center for Arts
Education Announces Registrations for Fall Semester**

Fall Open House Planned for September 10th from 6-8pm

Torrington, CT – After a successful summer session which saw their Summer Arts Program exceed enrollment projections, the Warner Theatre Center For Arts Education (WTCAE) recently announced their upcoming Fall 2009 Semester. The Fall semester will feature more than 40 classes for children (ages 4 and up), adults and seniors in a broad range of performing and visual arts subjects. The school will host an information Open House on Thursday September 10 from 6-8pm. The Open House is an opportunity for potential students and returning students to meet the faculty, learn more about the programs, explore the state-of-the-art Carole and Ray Neag Performing Arts Center facility and register for classes. The registration period started August 17th and will continue for several weeks after the start of the Fall semester which begins on September 21st.

"This semester will be chock-full of exciting programs, including a variety of new additions such as Broadway Dance, Contemporary A Cappella, Film Appreciation, Storybook Writing and Illustration, Digital Music Composition, Qigong and much more," said WTCAE Director of Education Isabel Hinman. Hinman also noted the school has seen a steady increase in adult enrollment since the school began offering a multi-generational curriculum.

“Our school focuses on providing students of all ages opportunities to explore their own unique artistic potential and deepen their appreciation of the artistic process. Our state-of-the-art facility and our incredible, professional faculty have really enabled us to build on our program and expand to meet the needs of our regional community,” said Hinman.

The downtown performing arts school, which averages roughly 800 enrollments each semester, recently launched daytime and evening classes for Adults and Seniors through a partnership with the city of Torrington’s Sullivan Senior Center. For the upcoming semester the course offerings have been expanded due to the input from the Senior Center.

“We’ve expanded our Zumba-style Aerobic dance classes and will now be offering Qigong as well, because of the increased interest by our region’s adult and senior population,” Hinman offered.

For a complete list of classes or to register for classes the public is encouraged to visit the arts education page on the theatre’s website at www.warnertheatre.org or to attend the Fall Open House on Thursday September 10th from 6-8pm in the Warner’s Carole and Ray Neag Performing Arts Center. Students interested in participating in the fall semester are encouraged to register as soon as possible as classes fill up quickly.

For more information about the Warner Theatre Center for Arts Education, visit the Warner Theatre website at www.warnertheatre.org or call the education office at 860-489-7180 ext. 148.

THE WARNER THEATRE

Built by Warner Brothers Studios and opened in 1931 as a movie palace (1,772 seats), 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 main lobbies and auditorium was completed in November 2002. In 2008, the new 50,000 square foot Carole and Ray Neag Performing Arts Center, which houses a 300 seat studio theatre, 200 seat restaurant and micro-brewery and expansive school for the arts, was completed. Today, the Warner is in operation year-round with more than 160 performances and 100,000 patrons passing through its doors each season. Over 10,000 students, pre K—adult, participate in arts education programs and classes. Together, with the support of the community, the Warner has raised close to \$17 million to revitalize its facilities. 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.