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THE WARNER THEATRE PRESENTS:

AN EVENING WITH WALLY LAMB

TORRINGTON, CT – On Thursday, June 25 at 7:30pm, the Warner Theatre Center for Arts Education will present an engaging evening with New York Times bestselling author, Wally Lamb, author of *She's Come Undone*, *I Know This Much Is True* and *The Hour I First Believed*. This is being presented in association with *A Sacred Place (a sanctuary of hope for incarcerated women)* and *The Hickory Stick Book Shop* and is part of the Warner's Artist and Author Series.

The four part program will include:

Part One. Exploration of the author's work with the York Correctional Institute inmates, their work, and the two anthologies that emerged from their workshops. Lamb will recount his involvement with the women at York and four of the workshop alums, now free, will read brief excerpts from their work.

Part Two. George Guidall, a therapist and actor (Broadway, off-Broadway, *Law & Order*, etc) is one of the premier readers for Recorded Books. Mr. Guidall recorded two of Lamb's most recent novels including, *I Know This Much Is True* and *The Hour I First Believed* and won the industry's top prize for recorded book of the year for the former title. He's one of the best in the biz and the Warner is thrilled to have him read/perform excerpts from each of the novels.

Part Three. Lamb will give the audience a sneak preview of his forthcoming (November 2009) comic novella *Wishin' & Hopin': A Baby Boomer Christmas Story*, by reading the first chapter of the book.

Part Four. The program will open be turned over to the audience to ask questions from the author and guest presentors.

This program will take place in the Warner's Nancy Marine Studio Theatre. Tickets are: \$20 general admission, \$15 for Warner Members, Subscribers and School Teachers and \$5 for students age 21 and under with valid ID. VIP tickets are \$50 and include premium seating and a private pre-event reception and opportunity to purchase signed books in advance of general admission. **A limited number of signed books by the author will be available for purchase at the event.**

For more information or to purchase tickets call the box office at 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.