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**On the Road with the Warner's Wizard of Oz**

**Glinda and the Tin Man to guest host WZBG's Morning Live**

**Then journey to the Canton Library to visit with "munchkins"**

TORRINGTON, CT — In time for the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the classic movie *The Wizard of Oz* starring Judy Garland, the Warner Theatre is staging an all-new live theatrical production running Aug 1 - 9, 2009. Prior to Saturday, Aug. 1 opening night, Glinda (Katie Brunetto) and the Tin Man (Vincent McCoy) will make a stop at local radio station, WZBG to serve as guest hosts on the station's popular "Morning Live!" and then continue to the Canton Public Library to visit with some local "munchkins".

On Tuesday, July 28th from 7:30-9am, Glinda and the Tin Man will serve as guest hosts on local radio station FM 97.3 WZBG's "Morning Live!" morning radio show alongside the show's host Dale Jones. The character appearance is part of a special contest the station is sponsoring which offers listeners, who are the correct caller, to win tickets to the August 2<sup>nd</sup> matinee performance of the Warner musical and access to a special post-show theme party at the theatre. At the party, guests will meet the show's cast who will sign show posters as a memento.

After the radio show appearance, Glinda and the Tin Man will travel to the Canton Public Library for a special 10:30am *Wizard of Oz* Story Time hosted by the characters and children's librarian, Heather Baker. The appearance is the culmination of a month-long summer program the library has sponsored entitled, "Get Creative at Your Library." The Canton Library chose to highlight books made into musicals and is giving away tickets to the Warner's production every week throughout July. The program is a celebration of the arts, with singing, dancing, and making music. Next Tuesday's theme is the Yellow Brick Road and what better way to celebrate it than with a visit from two of Oz's favorite characters.

The Warner Stage Company's production of *The Wizard of Oz* is directed by Tom Cochran with musical director, Neil Pagano and choreographer, Kristen Jacobsen. Join us and hundreds of our own local "munchkins" on our trip to Oz:

Saturday, August 1 & 8 at 2pm & 7:30pm, Sunday, August 2 & 9 at 2pm and Friday, August 7 at 7:30 pm.

Tickets for this production are \$18.50, \$21.50 and \$24.50. 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](http://www.warnertheatre.org).

*The Wizard of Oz* is sponsored by *Brower, Organschi & D'Andrea LLP, Attorneys at Law*  
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#### About the Warner

**About the Warner** Built by Warner Brothers Studios in 1931 as a movie palace, the Warner Theatre was described then as "Connecticut's Most Beautiful Theatre." Damaged extensively in the 1955 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 was completed in November 2002.

Today, the Warner is in operation year-round and serves nearly 100,000 patrons with 165+ public performances annually. In addition, the Warner complex now includes:

- The newly opened 50,000+ square foot, Carole and Ray Neag Performing Arts Center (300 - seat theatre, lobby, school for the arts and 200 - seat restaurant/pub)
- The 1,772 - seat main theatre
- A 21,000 square foot facility that houses a 7,500 square foot costume shop and prop/production storage
- A 2,400+ square foot Set/Prop Shop

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](http://www.warnertheatre.org).