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## **WARNER HOSTS ANNUAL CLASSIC HOLIDAY MOVIE FESTIVAL**

***BENEFIT EVENT FEATURES KIDS CARTOON FESTIVAL, TWO SCREENINGS OF "WHITE CHRISTMAS",  
THE GRINCH-- LIVE & IN PERSON—SIGNING AUTOGRAPHS AND LIVE PRE-SHOW ENTERTAINMENT  
FEATURING LOCAL VOCAL ENSEMBLE AND LIVE ORCHESTRA***

TORRINGTON, CT — On Saturday, December 20, the historic Warner Theatre once again pays tribute to its grand movie house heritage with the Warner's Annual Holiday Movie Festival which features a kid's cartoon festival, autographs and photos with "The Grinch", two screenings of the holiday classic *White Christmas*, live pre-show entertainment, and affordable concessions, including \$1 bags of freshly made popcorn.

The day begins with a KIDS' CARTOON FESTIVAL AT 11 AM, featuring *Tom & Jerry's The Night Before Christmas*, *Bugs Bunny's Looney Christmas Tales*, *Bugs Bunny's Christmas Carol* & *How The Grinch Stole Christmas*. Prior to the 11am screening, the Warner Theatre Center for Arts Education Vocal Ensemble will be performing holiday songs in the lobby and the Grinch will be onsite to sign autographs and pose for pictures.

At 2pm and 8pm, the holiday classic film, *White Christmas* starring Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye and Rosemary Clooney will be shown along with pre-show animated shorts. At the 8pm screening a full orchestra will play holiday songs in the main theatre prior to showtime.

The Warner Theatre's Annual Holiday Movie Festival is a nostalgic trip back to the holidays of the past with all proceeds benefiting the historic theatre.

Tickets for the movies are \$5 general admission, \$3.50 for Subscribers, Seniors and Kids under 12. 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).

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