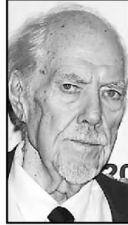


Altman and Keillor are movie companions

Director **Robert Altman**, famed for his ensemble casts, will bring **Meryl Streep**, **Lindsay Lohan**, **Woody Harrelson**,



Altman

John C. Reilly and **Lily Tomlin** to a St. Paul, Minn., theater for his adaptation of **Garrison Keillor's** "A Prairie Home Companion."

"As a longtime Keillor fan, I'm thrilled to be doing this project with him," Altman told the Star Tribune in Minneapolis-St. Paul.

Keillor wrote the movie's script and will be playing a character named Keillor.

The comedy is about a long-running radio show that's suddenly canceled after 30 years



on the air. As **Keillor** the cast and crew prepare for the last live broadcast, secret love affairs, jealousies and feuds come to a boil, taxing the patience of a stage manager struggling to hold the show together.

Streep and Tomlin play Bonnie and Rhonda Johnson, the two remaining performers of a five-sister country music act, with Lohan as Streep's daughter.

Altman has directed more than 30 films and received five Academy Award nominations for best director. His films include "M*A*S*H," "Nashville," "The Player," "Short Cuts" and "Gosford Park."