

scheme of Kemper Arena with blues and white.
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Garrison Keillor provides nostalgic look at shooting hoops in the heartland

Although he won't be at the games this weekend, author Garrison Keillor will play a role in the CBS broadcast. He will have a part in the introduction of the CBS coverage of the championship game.

The Keillor piece is a nostalgic look at childhood, basketball and growing up in the Midwest — particularly appropriate with the tournament celebrating its 50th year in the heart of the Midwest. The Keillor segment is the brainchild of Doug Towey.

"When they came up with the idea I thought it was a little bit strange," said Robert Fishman, the director of the game coverage. "But the more I thought about it the more I liked it."

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Artist adds touch of social history