

Keillor to bring back Prairie show

MINNEAPOLIS (UPI) — A federal judge has ordered National Public Radio to stop selling a tape of a speech by humorist Garrison Keillor at least temporarily.

Meanwhile, the former Minnesota public radio star said Tuesday he is bringing back his "Prairie Home Companion" show for an encore. Keillor said in New York that the radio show will be resurrected for performances June 3-4 at Radio City Music Hall.

"It was so much fun leaving

we're coming back to say goodbye again," said Keillor, who had ended the program last year.

U.S. District Judge Harry MacLaughlin granted a temporary restraining order Monday at the request of Keillor's attorney, Samuel Heins.

Heins told the judge Keillor's speech to the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., last fall was protected by copyright law.

Heins also said a recent mailing by NPR to its member stations offering Keillor's tape at reduced prices for membership drives demonstrates the use of his draw.

The 45-minute cassette sells for \$10.95.

Joe Onek, attorney for NPR and Spoken Arts Inc., which produced the tape, said there was a question of whether Keillor had a valid copyright on his speech because it was extemporaneous, not based on a

written text. Onek also said that even if the material could be copyrighted, Keillor consented to the tape.

NPR has transmitted talks, which are covered by reporters, at the Press Club since 1971 and has made all such cassettes available to the public.

"Garrison Keillor knew the rules and practices of the forum," Onek said. "He didn't notify the Press Club (or) NPR to say 'I don't want you to make a tape available,'"

The next court hearing was set for April 14.

Keillor drew national fame with his public radio show "Prairie Home Companion" and best-selling book "Lake Wobegon Days." A recording he made of his readings from the book won him a Grammy.

Keillor is a former St. Paul resident now living in New York.

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