

Keillor heads east

While Garrison Keillor, the lanky, lachrymose radio host, has long had one foot planted in his Minnesota-based show, "A Prairie Home Companion," the other foot has for years been tapdancing around new territory. Keillor's humor adapts to the cities where he takes the show — especially New York — and he's written essays for Time, stories for The New Yorker, novels, and children's books.

Now he's combining two of his loves — performing comedy and writing about life — with an evening of readings taken from his stories, novels, and essays, both published and unpublished. It's called "Garrison Keillor: A Life in Comedy." He'll perform it live at the Yale Repertory Theatre in New Haven next Monday and April 29.

"In comedy," he says, "you only need a few facts to get you started, and sometimes it helps if they're wrong."

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