Keillor's Christmas show coming to Chrysler Hall

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Humorist **Garrison Keillor** is bringing his holiday show to Hampton Roads.

The "Christmas with Garrison Keillor" stage show will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 10 in Norfolk's Chrysler Hall. The public radio host, whose "A Prairie Home Companion" program is heard locally on WHRV-FM (89.5), is being presented by the Virginia Arts Festival. The Dec. 10 show will not be broadcast.

Joining Keillor will be the Virginia Chorale and the Virginia Arts Festival Orchestra with **Philip Brunelle** conducting. Other highlights will be the a new twist on "The Nutcracker" sung by the chorale and the "Aunt Eva Suite," in which Keillor reminisces about his favorite aunt.

This will be Keillor's third

appearance with the arts festival, which will present its seventh season in April and May 2003.

"He called us to say he was working on a holiday program," said festival director Robert Cross, "and that he'd love to come back to the Norfolk area. I can't think of a better holiday treat than Garrison to share with our families and friends."

Keillor has written 11 books and hosted radio's "A Prairie Home Companion" for 26 years.

Tickets priced at \$30 to \$60 are now on sale to festival donors and season ticket buyers. They go on sale to the general public Oct. 25 at the festival box office at Norfolk's MacArthur Center; through Ticketmaster; or online at www.virginiaartsfest.com

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