



Garrison Keillor

FALCON HEIGHTS, Minn. — Garrison Keillor brought his radio show “A Prairie Home Companion” to the Minnesota State Fair for the first time in

18 years over the weekend.

Saturday’s show included references to State Fair hallmarks, such as busts sculpted out of butter. It drew more than 11,000 people to the fair’s grandstand.

“I love the idea of doing a frankly Minnesotan show,” Keillor said. He suspected that the many Minnesota exiles listening to on the radio “will be able to imagine themselves at the fair.”

About 4.1 million people listen to the show aired weekly on National Public Radio.

Keillor said there was no special reason “A Prairie Home Companion” returned to the fair after an 18-year absence, joking, “Well, you need to be asked, I suppose.”

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