

Garrison Keillor making Flagstaff stop in August

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Since 1974, Garrison Keillor, radio host of the popular "A Prairie Home Companion," a quirky variety show, has been entertaining listeners to public radio stations across the nation.

Keillor will be coming to Flagstaff Saturday, Aug. 21, for an evening performance at Pine Mountain Amphitheatre.

Although tickets are not yet available, his appearance here is already being advertised by KNAU and Pine Mountain Amphitheatre, the two organizations that are co-sponsoring the event.

Details of the concert collaboration have not been worked out yet.

Keillor will be kicking off his 25-city "Summer Love Tour" Aug. 10, with

a performance in his home state, Minnesota. The theme is summer romance.

The tour will not have feature formal "Prairie Home Companion" shows, but it will include some of the show's favorite performers, including Sara Watkins of Nickel Creek, Guy's All-Star Shoe Band and the show's sound-effects man, Fred Newman.

Also expected to make appearances will be Guy Noir, Dusty and Lefty and the News from Lake Wobegon.

Keillor's summer tour will take him cross-country until he hits the Western states, beginning with Texas on Aug. 20, then Flagstaff, followed by Utah, two shows in California, three stops in Oregon and one in Colorado, before returning across the country again, to end in Virginia on Sept. 12.