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'Prairie Home' host heads back to Missoula

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Keillor, who brought his entire cast of musicians, actors, foleys and producers to Missoula in late 2006 for a live broadcast of "A Prairie Home

The last time Garrison Keillor came to town, the whole world heard about it. In October, the host of National Public Radio's popular variety show "A Prairie Home Companion" will return to Missoula for a spoken-word performance at the Adams Center - and this time, what happens in the Adams Center stays in the Adams Center.

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Companion," will perform a one-man show at the Adams Center on Wednesday, Oct. 13.

Tickets to the performance go on sale Friday at 10 a.m. via Griztix outlets, including Griztix.com, the Adams Center Box Office, and by phone at 1-888-MONTANA., at prices of \$50, \$45 and \$40 plus fees, with all seats reserved.

Tickets are also being sold as part of a season package to this year's Broadway in Missoula series, which also includes the nationally touring stage production of "The Wizard of Oz" (Tuesday, Dec. 7) and "Riverdance" (Wednesday, May 18).

Subscription packages are now on sale, at prices ranging from \$99 to \$140, by calling 1-888-712-2929. Those packages are not available through GrizTix; and individual tickets to "The Wizard of Oz" and "Riverdance" will not be available until closer to those events.

Keillor, a native of

Anoka, Minn., rose to prominence as a radio host back in the early 1970s, with a locally produced program for Minnesota Educational Radio that featured live musical performances offset by humorous banter, skits and Keillor's signature fictional monologue series, "The News From Lake Wobegon." The program has endured as a weekly fixture virtually ever since, and is now heard on public radio stations across America, as well as in Ireland, New Zealand and elsewhere.

In addition to the popular radio program, Keillor has written more than a dozen books, hosted the long-running "Writer's Almanac" daily radio feature (which, like "A Prairie Home Companion," is heard regularly on Montana Public Radio), written and starred in the film version of "A Prairie Home Companion," and, until recently, penned a weekly column for Salon.com.

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