

# UCSB Arts & Lectures presents An Evening with Garrison Keillor

STAFF REPORT

UCSB Arts & Lectures presents An Evening with Garrison Keillor, featuring the legendary host of the popular public radio show A Prairie Home Companion, with pianist Richard Dworsky, at 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, at The Granada Theatre, 1214 State St., Santa Barbara.

One of America's most beloved radio hosts and humorists returns for an evening of wryly thoughtful musing, whimsical conversation and a few old-timey songs, with his longtime accompanist, pianist Richard Dworsky.

Keillor has won over the

hearts of radio listeners from Lake Wobegon to Los Angeles with his homespun charm, reassuring voice and clever skits filled with "nostalgia for an America that maybe never was, but maybe ought to have been"

(The Boston Globe). Some four million listeners tune in each week to his show, A Prairie Home Companion, which celebrates its 40th anniversary this year.

Keillor also hosts The Writer's Almanac, a short daily public radio segment



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that features the anniversaries of cultural milestones and significant writers' birthdays — always ending with a poem, which he reads in his distinctive baritone (a voice his biographer Judith Yaross Lee calls "incantatory").

Keillor is the best-selling author of 19 books of fiction and humor and the editor of the Good Poems anthologies. The first book of his own poetry, "O, What a Luxury: Verses Lyri- cal, Vulgar, Pathetic & Pro- found," was published in October, and "The Keillor

Reader," a new collection of his stories, essays, poems and personal reminiscences, will be released May 1. Pre- signed books will be avail- able for purchase at the event.

Tickets are \$35 to \$55 for the general public and \$18 for UCSB students with a cur- rent student ID. (A Granada facility fee will be added to each ticket price.)

For tickets or more infor- mation, call UCSB Arts & Lectures at 893-3535 or pur- chase online at [www.ArtsAndLectures.UCSB.edu](http://www.ArtsAndLectures.UCSB.edu). Tickets are also available through The Granada The- atre at 899-2222 or [granadasb.org](http://granadasb.org).