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Garrison Keillor paid tribute to Lily Tomlin before she received her Kennedy Center honor Sunday.

Keillor, Kennedy and the President

Garrison Keillor has yet to receive a Kennedy Center Honor, but at least he got invited to this year's bash. He helped to pay tribute to inductee **Lily Tomlin** Sunday night in Washington D.C., praising the actress who starred in his film adaptation of "A Prairie Home Companion." Following Keillor's remarks, **Jane Lynch**, **Kate McKinnon**, **Reba McEntire** and **Jane Fonda** also spoke about Tomlin. (The show will be broadcast Dec. 30 on WCCO, Ch. 4.) Backstage, Keillor shared a dressing room with **David Letterman** and **Steven Spielberg**. Keillor told I.W. that Letterman appeared to be under the weather and was very focused on his presentation while the Oscar-winning director was "very friendly and chatty." Spielberg asked Keillor if anyone had ever thought about doing a movie based in Lake Wobegon. Keillor replied that he had talked to **Sydney Pollack** about it, but it didn't go anywhere. Just before the ceremonies, Keillor was among the guests invited to the White House for dinner. "I sat in the East Room in a spot where I could see the president's TelePrompTer," he said. "His ad-libs were beautiful. He's a funny, funny guy and I got a chance to tell him that."



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