

# Garrison Keillor coming to Breese Stevens

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Labor Day weekend in Madison will feature a special guest this year. Former "A Prairie Home Companion" host Garrison Keillor will be making a stop at Breese Stevens Field with his Love and Comedy tour on September 2.

The Minnesota native will be presenting in a casual picnic style setting at Breese Stevens as part of a push to perform at more non-traditional venues, according to Charlie Goldstone, president of Frank Productions Concerts and spokesman for the event.

"(Keillor) is doing a bunch of non-traditional outdoor events and outdoor venues and Breese Stevens Field is a perfect fit for him," he said. "It's outdoors, but it isn't an amphitheater and it has a really cool vibe."

"A Prairie Home Companion" fans can expect a show similar to others that Keillor has done in Madison in the past complete with musicians like Heather



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Garrison Keillor, who hosted "A Prairie Home Companion" from July 6, 1974 through July 1, 2016, will be in Madison during Labor Day weekend as part of his Love and Comedy tour.

Masse, Aoife O'Donovan and Rich Dworsky & The Road Hounds. Although Goldstone couldn't speak to the show's specifics, he said it will be a "really interesting, cool night."

Audiences are welcome to

bring picnic blankets and lawn chairs — which are typically not allowed — and make an evening of the show.

Goldstone said picnic baskets will be available for purchase and those wanting to have a more

## If you go

**What:** Garrison Keillor speaks as part of his Love and Comedy tour

**When:** Sept. 2 — doors open at 5:30 p.m. and show begins at 6:45 p.m.

**Where:** Breese Stevens Field, 917 East Mifflin St.

**Cost:** \$45  
Tickets can be purchased online at ticketmaster.com, by phone at 800-745-8000 or at the Coliseum Box Office starting at 10 a.m. Friday.

formal night out can reserve picnic tables, which also come with a specially curated basket.

A picnic table experience is \$500 per table and must be reserved by Aug. 30. Additional wait service will also be available at the tables if visitors wish to purchase additional wine or products during the evening.

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The picnic basket which includes two bottles of local wine, Potter's Crackers, Emmi Roth Cheese, local sausage, four bottles of water, two apples, two pears and a selection of chocolates is \$125 and must also be reserved by Aug. 30.

Picnic baskets purchased separately or with the picnic table contain the same products and also include the keepsake basket, corkscrew, plates, silverware and glasses.

With the large capacity of Breese Stevens, Goldstone hopes that the event will welcome as

many people as possible who want to attend. But he said the tickets will definitely be in demand and he anticipates that the picnic tables will sell quickly.

Tickets go on sale Friday at 10 a.m., they are \$45 and general admission. The purchase of picnic baskets or a picnic table are additional fees on top of the ticket price.

People are really excited about this show and Breese Stevens is a perfect venue for it, Goldstone said.

"A lot of people haven't been to Breese Stevens before," he said. "We encourage people to give it a shot. People are constantly blown away by the venue and the vibe and how fun the events are."