

'Prairie Home' at Middlebury this spring

MIDDLEBURY, Vt. — The dates for the live performances of "A Prairie Home Companion" at Middlebury College have now been set for May 6-7 in Mead Memorial Chapel on the college campus.

The Friday evening performance at 7:30 p.m. will follow the same format as the popular broadcast version heard on Saturday evenings on Public Radio stations nationwide. The Saturday performance will start at 5:45 p.m. and will be beamed by satellite to more than 200 stations in 46 states and will be heard by an audience of more than two million.

The 20-member cast and crew will arrive in Vermont on May 4 to start the job of converting the college chapel into a broadcast facility.

Special guests for the two shows have not yet been named but host Garrison Keillor will be in place with the Butch Thompson Trio, Stoney Lonesome Bluegrass Band and fiddler Peter Ostroushko. The show will be presented on a specially constructed stage before an audience of 800 each evening.

Tickets are \$10 for Saturday and \$8 for Friday evening. Tickets will be sold in-person only on Monday and Tuesday March 21-22 in the lounge on the lower level of Redfield Proctor Hall on the Middlebury campus. Tickets left on March 23, mail orders will be filled in the order in which they are received. No mail orders will be accepted before March 15; they must be accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope and choice of date. The address is "A Prairie Home Companion" (Tickets), Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753.