

## 'Prairie Home Companion' coming to New York in May

**NEW YORK** — "A Prairie Home Companion," Minnesota Public Radio's award-winning live program, will stage three concerts and one live national broadcast in Town Hall, 123 West 43rd St., May 13 through 16.

The show is broadcast live via satellite each week from the World Theater in downtown Saint Paul to more than 200 public radio stations in the American Public Radio network.

Several times each year, the cast and crew take the show on the road. Past broadcasts have originated from Washington, Boston, Los Angeles and Chicago.

This is the show's first visit to New York. It follows May 6 and 7 performances at Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vt. After New York, the tour will continue in Boston with performances at the Berklee Performance Center on May 20 through 22.

Garrison Keillor, the show's host since it began in 1974, also is the author of "Happy To Be Here," a collection of his stories and comic pieces that originally appeared in "The New Yorker" and "Atlantic" magazines.

Keillor's voice is familiar to those who tune in "A Prairie Home Companion"

each week to hear the news from Lake Wobegon, Minn., "the little town that time forgot, that the decades cannot improve." He sings, recites poetry, reports the news, introduces musical acts and reads letters from fans and messages from the studio audience.

He might mention pot roast ("the soul food of the north"), which is served at Lake Wobegon's Catterbox Cafe, "the place to go that's just like home, assuming you were brought up that way." Other topics of discussion are Bob's Bank, the little green mobile home on Main Street where you can "Save at the Sign of the Sock;" Ralph's Pretty Good Grocery ("if you can't get it at Ralph's, you can probably get along without it") or Bertha's Kitty Boutique ("for persons who care about cats.")

The live broadcast will begin at 5:45 p.m. May 14. It can be heard in the New York City area on WNYC-FM/94 and AM/83 at 6 p.m. Saturday and again on the AM station at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets for all performances will be available only through Ticketron and Teletron outlets. They will not be available at Town Hall. Tickets are \$15 and \$20 plus handling charges for the live broadcast and \$13 and \$15 plus handling charges for the concerts.