

The grand-opening performance of "A Prairie Home Companion" at the newly renovated World Theater in St. Paul will be broadcast by public TV on a taped-delay basis, Minnesota Public Radio (MPR) said Monday. As usual, the two-hour opening performance on April 26 will be broadcast at 5 p.m. over the American Public Radio network. But it will also be videotaped by PBS for broadcast at 8 that evening. The PBS broadcast will be simulcast with a repeat radio broadcast.

Originally, MPR had hoped that PBS would televise the performance live. The theater reopened last month after extensive renovations, but the grand opening won't take place until the restoration is completed.