'Prairie Home Companion' at Furman already sold out

Humorist and radio star Garrison Keillor is bringing "A Prairie Home Companion" to the region next month, but the date has already sold out, his network announced.

Keillor and his "PHC" crew play May 20 at Furman University McAlister Auditorium in Greenville, but tickets were quickly purchased and there are no plans for a second show, Minnesota Public Radio said Wednesday.

The show will taped and broadcast by the South Carolina Educational Radio Network (which can be heard in parts of Western North Carolina), but no date has been announced.

Keillor hosted "A Prairie Home Companion" from 1974 until 1987, when the radio series had its final live regular broadcast. Repeats are still run by many stations, including the state-wide South Carolina public radio network.

Since quitting the weekly radio grind, Keillor has revived the show for an annual "fairwell tour." This is his third such outing, and his most elaborate to date. The 13-city tour starts in Greenville and closes in Los Angeles. That final date will also be broadcast to a national audience by the American Public Radio network.

'As for 1990," Keillor said in a press announcement, "a shy person such as myself hates to suggest a 4th annual reunion, but if nobody else does, I will."



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Shy guy

Garrison Keillor kicks off his third annual farewell tour of "Prairie Home Companion" radio show at Furman University.

Pack screens films from short stories

The 1989 film series at Pack Memorial Library is celebrating American short stories during April