

**RADIO**

*Wobegon's gone,  
but Keillor's back*

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**F**olk humorist and best-selling author Garrison "Goodbye Again" Keillor apparently has grown tired of saying farewell. He is returning his flannel voice to the airwaves for a live, syndicated radio show on Saturdays, beginning at 5 p.m. today on KERA/90.1 FM.

Keillor's *American Radio Company of the Air* will feature two hours of sketches and monologues, with a splash of music. The tales and news snippets, featuring real and imaginary folks, will be performed in front of an audience at the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

Keillor's co-stars today will be singer Eileen Farrell and musician Butch Thompson. Entertainers scheduled for future shows include Marilyn Horne, the Manhattan Rhythm Kings and pianist James Tocco.

Keillor describes the show's music as "classic American," or "music that transcends ego and money, that is American art — Fats Waller, Jimmie Rodgers, Copland, the old hymns, Bernstein — all the great things that every American ought to hear at least twice."

If all this sounds similar to Keillor's *A Prairie Home Companion*, it is.

But *Prairie Home's* Lake Wobegon is gone. So are the Norwegian bachelor farmers and the above-average children. All the rest of the town's regulars are gone, too, remaining in Minnesota in "the little town that time forgot and decades cannot improve."

After the initial four live shows, *American Radio Company of the Air* will take a six-week break. Repeats of *A Prairie Home Companion* will be aired in its place.

*American Radio Company of the Air* is the first regularly scheduled broadcast endeavor for Keillor since *Prairie Home* ended in June 1987.