

# Keillor returns to airwaves

Garrison Keillor returns to the airwaves with a 20-week live variety show — "Garrison Keillor's American Radio Company of the Air" — premiering at 6 p.m. Saturday on American Public Radio stations nationwide.

The first radio variety show to be broadcast from New York in more than 35 years, the show will feature a diverse array of music, monologues, special guests and a cast of regulars in its weekly two-hour time period.



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Special guest for Saturday's premiere broadcast will be Eileen Farrell, the renowned singer considered one of America's most versatile vocalists. Also appearing will be pianist Butch Thompson, a regular guest on Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion" series.

"Our show will be funny and happy and full of classic American music of all kinds," said Keillor. "The music our guests will perform will be the music the world knows as American — jazz, show music, blues, country, Waller, Joplin, Copland, Ellington, Rodgers (Richard and Jimmie) — the list goes on for pages."

Upcoming broadcasts will feature such musical guests as Manhattan Rhythm Kings, opera star Marilyn Horne and pianist James Tocco.

Keillor rose to prominence with his public radio series, "A Prairie Home Companion," which will continue to be rebroadcast on American Public Radio stations nationwide during those weeks when "American Radio Company of the Air" will not air.

Keillor is the author of four bestselling books, "Happy To Be Here," "Lake Wobegon Days," "Leaving Home," and "We Are Still Married," all soon to be reissued in softcover. He also contributes to *The New Yorker* magazine.

In the last year, Keillor has set box office records with "Lake Wobegon Loyalty Days," a concert with orchestras including the Chicago, Milwaukee, San Francisco and National Symphonies; with "Lake Wobegon Tonight," a week-long engagement at the Apollo Theater in London; and a series of performances with Chet Atkins at Wolf Trap and other major concert halls.

Tickets for November and December performances in New York are on sale at the Brooklyn Academy of Music Box Office, or

through TicketMaster (212) 307-7171. Mail orders may be sent to: Ticket Services Department, Brooklyn Academy of Music, 30 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. 1121-1486.

New York tickets are priced at \$25 and \$18. A service charge of \$3.25 per ticket is assessed to telephone orders.

Two performances of "American Radio Company of the Air" will be presented in St. Paul at the World Theater — known as the home of Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion" broadcasts — Feb. 24 and March 24. Tickets for these performances are on sale through the World Theater Box Office (612) 298-1200. Ticket prices in St. Paul are \$20, \$16 and \$12, with a \$1 per ticket service charge.

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