

## Keillor to broadcast live at UK

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Tickets for the March 16 live broadcast of Garrison Keillor's American Radio Company from the University of Kentucky Singletary Center for the Arts are now on sale at the center's box office.

The broadcast, from 6 to 8 p.m., will be aired locally on the university's public radio station, WUKY (FM 91.3), and by more than 220 public radio stations nationwide.

Keillor's visit marks the 50th anniversary of the UK station -- the nation's oldest FM station licensed to a university and the oldest FM station in Kentucky.

Tickets -- which range from \$30 to \$150 per person -- include a party after the show with Keillor and the cast for those paying the highest prices.

Money raised from the show will be used to expand the station's news department, improve its music library and production facilities, acquire additional programming and further develop and implement educational programs with the UK College of Communications and the School of Journalism.

"WUKY is an important public service and media resource that must grow for the benefit of the university, the community and the commonwealth," said UK President Charles T. Wethington Jr.

Keillor's American Radio Company show will feature the folk music of Peter Ostroushko, fiddler and mandolinist, and country-folk artists Robin and Linda Williams. Alison Krauss and the Union Station Band will perform traditional, progressive and original Bluegrass music.

WUKY began broadcasting on April 1, 1929, with regular broadcasts, five days a week, over WHAS, an AM station in Louisville. The UK studios were linked to WHAS by telephone lines.

By 1933, the UK station was reaching into remote areas of Eastern Kentucky, with a system of 25 University Listening Centers. Residents gathered at the centers to listen to educational, cultural and recreational programs on battery-powered radios.

In 1941, UK acquired its own station, which was licensed by the Federal Communications Commission as WBKY. The call letters were changed to WUKY in 1989. Today, WUKY is a 100,000-watt, non-commercial FM station.

Tickets to Keillor's March 16 broadcast can be purchased at the Singletary Center for the Arts, 606-257-4929. A 10 percent discount will be given to holders of WUKY's Plus card.