

Garrison Keillor performing with Green Bay Symphony

Green Bay Symphony Orchestra will perform at the Weidner Center for the Performing Arts at 7:30 p.m. Monday for the Center's presentation of Garrison Keillor.

Keillor, host of the popular radio show "A Prairie Home Companion," will join the symphony to present "A Young Lutheran's Guide to the Orchestra," as well as other Tales from Lake Wobegon. Written in the 80s by Minnesota composer Randall Davidson, the work was premiered by Keillor and the Minnesota Orchestra.

The concert will be conducted by Phillip Brunelle, frequent collaborator on "A Prairie Home Companion," and music

director of the Plymouth Music Series in Minneapolis.

The symphony also will participate in the first annual "Night in Vienna Gala," a fundraiser for the Green Bay Symphony Orchestra at the Oneida Golf and Riding Club Saturday, May 16. Music director Shinik Hahm will conduct the symphony in a celebration of Johann Strauss waltzes and polkas.

On Monday, June 25, the symphony will perform with the Moody Blues. The concert, which will begin at 8 p.m. at the Brown County Arena, will feature hits from the "Nights In White Satin" album along with other more recent material.

Tickets can be purchased at

the Brown County Arena by calling 920-494-3401.

Celebrate Americafest welcomes the symphony as a newcomer to the July 4 festivities. The symphony makes its debut appearance on the East Side Cherry Street Stage at 8:30 p.m. just before the fireworks. Hahm will conduct the orchestra in a program of patriotic, firm and light classical music. A celebrity guest will appear to conduct the Green Bay Packer fight song.

The finale, performed during the fireworks, will feature the "1812 Overture" by Tchaikovsky and John Philip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever."