

Garrison Keillor tickets distributed by lottery

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Montana Public Radio officials this week released the details of a lottery for tickets to two June 5 performances in Butte of Garrison Keillor's above-average radio show "A Prairie Home Companion."

But there's no need to get your curlers in a lather. The application deadline is March 12.

The performances will be in Butte's 1,100-seat, Mother Lode Theater.

"A Prairie Home Companion," is at home broadcasting from St. Paul, Minn., to a weekly, worldwide audience of about 2.5 million on 450 radio stations.

The show's spring tour has shows in Butte; Greeley, Colo.; Reno, Nev.; and Knoxville, Tenn.

"By having the drawing, everyone gets an equal chance," said KUFM spokeswoman Kay Wilson in Missoula.

Tickets cost \$35.

All of the 2,200 tickets for the shows will be available through the drawing only, said Wilson.

There is a limit of two tickets per name selected. Only one entry per household will be accepted.

US Bank in Missoula will conduct the drawing.

Assigned seating and attendance to the first or second performance is determined by order in which names are drawn.

The 4 p.m. show will be a live broadcast. The second performance, at 7:30 p.m., is for the theater audience only.

To apply for tickets:

Clearly write your name, address, telephone number, special needs like wheelchair space. Include payment for one or two tickets (\$35 or \$70) by check or credit card, including number and expiration date. Only Visa, Mastercard and Discover cards accepted. Also include a self-addressed, stamped envelope so your check or credit card information can be returned to you if your name is not drawn.

Send that to Prairie Home Tickets, in care of US Bank, P.O. Box 4507, Missoula, MT 59806.

It cannot be postmarked later than March 12.

If your name is drawn, tickets should be mailed by March 31.

For more information call KUFM at 800-325-1565, browse Montana Public Radio's Web site at <http://www.kufm.org> or the site for "A Prairie Home Companion" at <http://phc.mpr.org>.