

## 'A Prairie Home Companion' to be broadcast from Butte

MISSOULA (AP) — "A Prairie Home Companion," humorist Garrison Keillor's weekly variety show on public radio, is scheduled to broadcast live from Butte next June, a Montana Public Radio official said Saturday.

The two-hour program of music and comedy sketches will originate June 5, 1999, from the Mother Lode Theater in Butte, according to Kay Wilson, development director for Montana Public Radio, which is making the arrangements. While the contract has been signed, planning is still in the preliminary stages and no ticket information will be available until early next year, Wilson said.

The program aired live from Billings two years ago and last year originated from Old Faithful Recreation Center at Yellowstone National Park.

"A Prairie Home Companion" is produced by Minnesota Public Radio and is distributed by Public Radio International. It began broadcasting in 1974 and is heard on more than 410 public radio stations nationwide and on Armed Forces Radio overseas.

The 1999 schedule includes 32 new shows, about two-thirds of them from the program's home base at the Fitzgerald Theater in St. Paul, Minn. Among other stops for the program next year will be New York, Atlanta, Peoria, Ill., Reno, Nev., Greeley, Colo., and Knoxville, Tenn., according to the program's Internet web site at <http://phc.mpr.org/>