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Author and humorist Garrison Keillor hosts "A Prairie Home Companion," a National Public Radio show that will be broadcast live from Reno during the first week of the Reno Rodeo.

## Lake Wobegon comes to Reno

The homespun humor of Garrison Keillor comes to Reno this Saturday with the live national broadcast of his radio show "A Prairie Home Companion."

The show features stories and adventure by Keillor, who has been called by the Washington Post "a distinctive American voice, a humorist and storyteller in the tradition of Mark Twain and Will Rogers...whose best medium is radio." The show is derived from an imaginary town in Minnesota, Keillor's home state. It is a town that is described in the show as "a place that time forgot and decades cannot improve."

The performance at Lawlor Events Center on the University of Nevada, Reno campus will be heard by more than 2.5 million people nationwide. Keillor's radio show is syndicated by Public Radio International and carried by more than 450 U.S. public radio stations. The program can also be heard overseas on the Far East Network, National Public Radio Worldwide, World Radio Network and on the Armed Forces Network Europe.

Locally, KUNR-FM 88.7 carries "A Prairie Home Companion" at 6 p.m. every Saturday with a repeat at noon on Sundays. Thanks to KUNR-FM, now you can see the shenanigans of Keillor and his musicians as they act out radio plays and perform one-of-a-kind, down-home music.

Acquiring a live broadcast wasn't exactly easy, said David Gordon, KUNR general manager.

"It's taken a lot of phone calls, e-mail messages and face-to-face meetings over the past three years," Gordon said.

Doors will open for the live broadcast concert at 2 p.m. Saturday, with the show beginning at 2:45 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and \$17.50 each and are being sold locally at the Lawlor Events Center box office.

And that's the news for now from Lake Wobegon, "where the women are strong, the men are good-looking and all the children are above average."