

It's down home and just fine

Down-home humor and folk music of all kinds are just a radio dial away every Saturday night. A Prairie Home Companion is produced by Minnesota Public Radio and broadcast locally by WVIK, 90.1 FM, beginning at 5 p.m. The program is sent "live" via satellite for two hours from St. Paul's renovated vaudeville theater, the World Theater, as well as remote locations.

Host Garrison Keillor is an 18-year veteran of public radio, humorist, and regular contributor to "The New Yorker" magazine. In addition to introducing each week's performers, he spins tales about the fictional Lake Wobegon and its residents and institutions. He even delivers "commercials" for the Lake Wobegon businesses which "sponsor" the show, all of which are part of a highly developed and engaging myth.

The show's resident ensemble, The New Prairie Ramblers, includes fiddler Peter Ostroushko, Bob Douglas, mandolin, guitarist Tim Hennessey and Barb Montoro, bass.



GARRISON KEILLOR

Together with a series of guest artists they successfully update the legacy of the variety shows of yesteryear.

A Prairie Home Companion encompasses almost every sort of non-

electric music — bluegrass, old-time jazz, ethnic folk music, classical music and opera. It presents well-known performers as well as comparatively unknown performers.

Nick Nash, vice president of programming for Minnesota Public Radio says, "The show's performers present an incredible variety of music — nearly everyone will hear their favorite type of music and perhaps, a kind they've never heard before. The humor is gentle, yet sophisticated... it's fun!"

Stradivari Quartet concert is Oct. 26

IOWA CITY — In commemoration of the 35th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations, the Stradivari Quartet will present a concert at 8 p.m. Oct. 26 in Clapp Recital Hall.

The program includes music by Haydn, Shostakovich, Beethoven and Samuel Barber.

The concert is free and open to the public.