

'Joke Show' Throws Out Punch Lines

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TAMPA — Two blondes are standing on opposite sides of a river. Confused, one yells to the other, "How do I get to the other side?"

Her friend replies, "Silly girl, you are on the other side."

Ouch.

It's just one of a hundred groaners you can expect to hear this weekend on "A Prairie Home Companion's" seventh annual "Joke Show." Host and storyteller extraordinaire Garrison Keillor and his cast devote the two-hour radio broadcast to some of the worst jokes and puns imaginable — hence, the show's popularity.

ON THE RADIO

WHAT: "A Prairie Home Companion's" annual "Joke Show"

WHEN: 6 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday

WHERE: WUSF, 89.7 FM

Loren Damewood of St. Petersburg is a longtime fan of "Prairie Home Companion" and makes a point of catching the joke show every year.

"Some of the jokes are oldies but goodies, and some of them surprise me," he says. "I try to remember to turn on my tape deck because a lot of times I work evenings. Then I can go back over the ones I like."

Like the one about the couple who brought an antenna to their wedding so they could have a good reception. Or how about the termite who goes into a bar and asks, "Is the bar tender here?" And let's not forget how many computer programmers it takes to change a light bulb: none — that's a hardware problem.

The jokes hit all the bases: animal, bad, bawdy, ethnic, geek, geographic, guy-walks-into-a-bar, knock-knock, light bulb, men and women, old people, pearls of wisdom, lawyers, religious, flatulence, "what" jokes and yo mama.

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Sampling will leave you chuckling.



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Garrison Keillor hosts the annual jest fest of public radio's "A Prairie Home Companion" on Saturday and Sunday.

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And of course, blondes. Like: Why don't blondes like to make chocolate chip cookies? It takes too long to peel the m&m's.

The "Joke Show" airs Saturday and Sunday on WUSF, 89.7 FM. Taped live, the broadcast will be from the Fitzgerald Theater in St. Paul, Minn. "Prairie Home Companion" also invites listeners to submit their own jokes at www.phc.mpr.org online. With any luck, one might get on the air.

Here's a sampling of what you can expect to hear — and bear — this weekend:

♦ A sad-looking guy walks into a bar and the barkeep asks

what's the matter. "My wife and I had a fight, and she told me she wasn't going to speak to me for a month. And the month is up today."

♦ Why did God make man before woman? He needed a rough draft before making the final copy.

♦ Never fall in love with a tennis player — love means nothing to them.

♦ Why can't a woman ask her brother for help? Because he can't be a brother and assist her, too.

♦ Why do pigs learn karate? So they can do pork chops.

♦ Salesman: "Lady, this vacuum cleaner will cut your work in half." Lady: "Good! I'll take two of them."

♦ What did the tie say to the hat? "You go on a head. I'll just hang around."

♦ An economist is someone who didn't have enough personality to become an accountant.

♦ Who yelled, "Coming are the British!?" Paul Reverse.

♦ Wife: "Let's go out and have some fun tonight." Husband: "OK, but if you get home before I do, leave a light on."

♦ A pig goes into a bar and drinks 15 beers. The barkeep asks if the pig would like to know the way to the bathroom. "No," the animal replies. "I'm the little pig that goes wee wee wee all the way home."

♦ What did the lawyer name his daughter? Sue.

♦ Why do bands march when they play? To get away from the noise.

♦ Why don't women blink during foreplay? They don't want to miss it.

♦ Why did Dorothy get lost in Oz? She had three men giving her directions.

♦ I'd like to go to Holland someday, wooden shoe?

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