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## Arts & Entertainment

### Spend an evening with the 'Prairie Home' companion himself

■ Garrison Keillor to entertain at the Arlington in S.B.

STAFF REPORT

Garrison Keillor, creator of "A Prairie Home Companion," will regale the audience with his wit, stories, songs and other surprises at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, in the Arlington Theatre, 1317 State St., Santa Barbara.

Each week more than 2.6 million listeners tune in to Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion" broadcasts on more than 450 public radio stations.

Keillor has won numerous awards, including a Grammy for his recording of "Lake Wobegon Days," two CableAce Awards and a Peabody Award.

Keillor is the author of 15 books that have sold more than 5 million



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**Garrison Keillor's radio show "A Prairie Home Companion" brings together skits about the mythical town of Lake Wobegon with ads for quirky, imaginary products and organizations, such as The Ketchup Advisory Board, as well as music.**

#### IN SHORT:

**WHO:** Author and radio-show host Garrison Keillor

**WHEN:** 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23

**WHERE:** The Arlington Theatre, 1317 State St., Santa Barbara.

**COST:** General public \$45, UCSB students \$20

**INFO:** The Arlington Theatre at 963-4408 or the UCSB Arts & Lectures Ticket Office at 893-3535, or visit [www.artsandlectures.ucsb.edu](http://www.artsandlectures.ucsb.edu).

copies in the United States, including The New York Times bestsellers "Wobegon Boy," "Lake Wobegon Days" and "Leaving Home."

His most recent publications are "Love Me" (2004), "Homegrown Democrat: A Few Plain Thoughts from the Heart of America" (2004) and "Good Poems for Hard Times" (2006). "Love Me" is his first non-Wobegon

book of fiction since 1993's "The Book of Guys," charts the rise and fall of an ambitious author.

"Homegrown Democrat" was Keillor's contribution to 2004's political discussion, a love letter to liberalism. John F. Kennedy, the University of Minnesota and the city of St. Paul, Minn.

The film adaptation of "A Prairie Home Companion," written by Keillor and directed by Robert Altman, was released in 2006.

The film features Keillor as himself, Meryl Streep and Lily Tomlin as the singing Johnson sisters, Lindsay Lohan as Streep's daughter, Woody Harrelson and John C. Reilly as singing cowboys Lefty and Dusty, and Tommy Lee Jones as "The Axeman."

Born and raised in Minnesota, Keillor began his radio variety show "A Prairie Home Companion" in 1974 after writing a piece on the Grand Ole Opry for The New Yorker.

The show brings together music,

skits about the mythical town of Lake Wobegon — "where the women are strong, the men are good-looking, and all the children are above average" — and quirky, imaginative ads (The Ketchup Advisory Board). Keillor and the show took a sabbat-

#### ONLINE:

For more information about "A Prairie Home Companion," visit its Web site at [www.phc.mpr.org](http://www.phc.mpr.org).

ical in 1987, but in 1989 he returned to the airwaves with the "American Radio Company from the Air," broadcast from New York City.

Finally, in 1992, Keillor and "A Prairie Home Companion" returned to St. Paul.

A member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters, Keillor lives in St. Paul with his wife, classical musician Jenny Lind Nilsson.