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## Keillor plans Madison benefit, a tribute to brother

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Author and public radio host Garrison Keillor will play a benefit show May 6 at Overture Hall in Madison to honor his late brother and raise money for a new shelter at Tenney Park.

Details of the event, including ticket price, have not been worked out, but Keillor wants the show to be both entertaining and a meaningful tribute to his brother,

said Doug Keillor of Madison, Garrison Keillor's nephew and the son of John Phillip (Phil) Keillor Jr., who died Feb. 27 in Madison at age 71. The show will not be a live broadcast of Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion," his nephew said.

Phil Keillor was a UW-Madison coastal engineer and one of the founders of a Madison homeless shelter that evolved into Porchlight Inc. Memorials from his funeral benefited the nonprofit organization.

He died from injuries suffered in a fall at the Vilas Park ice skating rink. Garrison Keillor told family members at his brother's funeral that he wanted to come back and do a memorial event, said Doug Keillor, who was aware of the Tenney Park fundraising campaign. His father was a "Madison parks kind of guy" who swam at city beaches, sailed on its lakes and picnicked at many of its shelters.

"My dad was really big on outdoor activities, especially those available to everyone regardless of economic means," he said. "It seemed like an ideal tribute."

The shelter is expected to cost about \$1.6 million, with \$500,000 coming from the city. Volunteers are trying to raise the rest and so far have about \$165,000 in pledges, said Mary Lang Sollinger, chairwoman of the effort.

"It's such a huge gift, and a miracle, I'd say," Sollinger said of the Keillor family's offer.

Ticket information likely will be posted in a week or so at [www.tenneyshelter.org](http://www.tenneyshelter.org), she said.