



Companions added

Garrison Keillor and the Powdermilk Biscuit Band will join with the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra for a special "Prairie Home Companion" show to be broadcast live from Northrop Auditorium Feb. 25. The stage show begins at 7:30 p.m., the broadcast at 8 p.m. The program will feature the world premiere of a new work for string band and orchestra written for the event by Libby Larsen of Minnesota Composers Forum. The piece, "Weaver's Song and Jig," combines melodies of Welsh and Irish folk song and at times is performed simultaneously by the orchestra and Powdermilk Biscuit Band. Ragtime pianist Butch Thompson also will perform. Tickets are available to the public at the chamber orchestra ticket office, 291-1144. Minnesota Public Radio members may obtain special discounted tickets by contacting KSJN-FM, 400 Sibley St., St. Paul 55101. Proceeds will benefit "Prairie Home Companion" and the St. Paul Orchestra's Musicians Pension Fund.