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talk about Achilles till the cows come home."

At UK, Fowle will deliver Pericles' funeral oration from Thucydides' Peloponnesian War, followed by a dramatic rendering of Book I of Plato's Republic.

Fans of public radio's "Prairie Home Companion" should particularly enjoy Saturday's live show (6 p.m. WBKY-FM, WMKY-FM and WDCL-FM) since it will be broadcast from the Kentucky Center for the Arts in Louisville.

Tickets for the run-through and broadcast of "Prairie Home Companion" sold out within hours of being made available last month.

The show is the final event in the annual Kentucky Folklife Celebration,

which features the debut of the Kentucky Folk Project Touring Exhibit.

The exhibit uses folk art, photography and image computers — one of the sponsors is Wang Laboratories — to focus on the people and traditions of north-central Kentucky. It will be on display in the center's lobby each day this week, and there is no charge for admission.

Also on display in the lobby of the Bomhard Theatre will be more than 50 rare figures from one of the world's most unusual museums, Vent Haven in Fort Mitchell, which is home to the largest collection of ventriloquial figures (the museum discourages the word "dummies") including Edgar Bergen's Charlie McCarthy. The museum has more than 750 of these figures.

Center hours are noon to 7 p.m. today, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to midnight Friday and 9 a.m. to midnight Saturday. There is no admission charge to see the exhibits.

The Civic Center Shops will start