

Garrison Keillor does nicely visually, too

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MADISON — It was a quiet week in this neck of the woods — but it ended just fine with Garrison Keillor's pithy philosophies and neighborly charm.

Keillor and his American Radio Company players brought their final live broadcast concert of the season to the stage of the Madison Civic Center Saturday evening, and it was a real gathering of friends.

The program, heard at 5 p.m. Saturdays on public radio stations, has been broadcast from various locations throughout the country.

Saturday listeners felt the Wisconsin setting for the final broadcast fitting. Although Minnesota can claim a lot — Keillor is a Minnesota native, the fictional but oh-so-real Lake Wobegon is there, and the program is presented by Minnesota Public Radio — Keillor is now a resident of Wisconsin, just over the border from Minneapolis.

And that's good enough.

Although the program is necessarily sound-oriented, the cast puts on a wonderful visual show as well. Even the sound effects man is fun to watch with his expressive face and crazy objects.

The excited chatter of the audience ceased the moment

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the bright red "On Air" — magic words — lit up. The performers walked casually on stage to take their places at the lineup of microphones.

But it's Keillor who captures the attention with his quiet, yet riveting, demeanor. He wore a proper grey suit and white shirt, sparked by a bright red tie and socks.

That tie came off almost immediately and a more relaxed Keillor lulled his audience into a sit-back, lounge-

before-the-fire mood with his deep, mesmerizing tones.

There were some stories, some skits, some silly songs and some more serious stuff.

Peter Ostroushko and special guest Chet Atkins performed some impressive fiddle music.

Keillor professes he now has nothing to do until the show returns in October.

"I don't know how I ever got myself in this predicament,"

he said sorrowfully.

Well, it's always hard to say goodbye until the next visit. For two hours, members of the audience were residents on the fringes of Lake Wobegone, and you know what that means — all the the men are good-looking and all the children are above average.

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