

Garrison Keillor to bring 'Story of Guys' to Academy

Turns out that what *really* allows a shy guy to get up and do what needs to be done isn't a batch of Powder-milk Biscuits, it's bi-coastal PR. This week, both an L.A. publicist *and* a New York City publisher sent word that erstwhile Minnesotan and ubiquitous humorist **Garrison Keillor** will be bringing his new show, *The Story of Guys*, to our town's Academy of Music on Nov. 14. "Songs, poems and stories about men, one of the world's great genders," is how they described it. Also appearing, they say, will be two *Prairie Home Companion* regulars, singer Kate MacKenzie and pianist Richard Dworsky. Show time is 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$21.50 and \$25.50. Phone: 215-893-1999.

Also at the Academy of Music, Wolfgang Sawallisch conducts the

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Philadelphia Orchestra in its first-ever performance of Benjamin Britten's *War Requiem* on Oct. 14, 15 and 16. Britten's powerful tribute to the casualties of war, first played in the bomb-damaged Coventry Cathedral in 1962, is the only piece on the program and will be performed without intermission. Soloists include soprano Carol Vaness, along with tenor John Aler, bass-baritone John Shirley-Quirk, the Westminster Symphonic Choir and the Philadelphia Boys Choir. Performances are at 8 p.m. Oct. 14 and 16, 2 p.m. Oct. 15. Tickets range from \$15 to \$70. Phone: 215-893-1999.

— Michael Harrington