

Keillor bringing his 'Prairie' to NYC

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LIKE Santa Claus, Garrison Keillor is coming to town.

Town Hall, to be precise, where he'll be doing his weekly live "Prairie Home Companion" radio show for the next five weeks.

He starts Saturday with Tom Paxton and John Sebastian as his musical guests, and continues Dec. 4 with the Red Clay Ramblers and Toby Twining; Dec. 11 with Bobby McFerrin and Jean Redpath, and Dec. 18 with The Boys of the Lough and Anonymous 4.

He finishes the run Christmas day with old compadre Butch Thompson, plus actress Lynne Thigpen.

Keillor tried to quit the show a couple of years back, of course, but found neither he nor his fans could

take it. So this year he came back.

Furthermore, as long as he's in New York anyhow, he's doing a series of one-night shows called "Christmas With Uncle New York," in between "Prairie" broadcasts.

These shows will be Dec. 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22 and 23, also in Town Hall, and all at 8 p.m., with 3 p.m. matinees Dec. 19 and 26.

Tickets are \$22-\$26, available through Ticketmaster (212-307-7171).

That's also how you get tickets to the "Prairie Home Companion" broadcasts, which are \$24 and \$27.50. Or go to Town Hall, 123 W. 43d St.

And if you just want to listen on the radio, "Prairie Home Companion" is on WNYC-FM (93.9 FM) live at 6 p.m. Saturdays, then repeated on WNYC-AM (820) at 2 p.m. Sunday.