

Keillor comes to Saratoga

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. — Garrison Keillor and the Saratoga Festival Orchestra, conducted by Philip Brunelle, will appear at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center on Friday, Sept. 1, at 8:15 p.m.

Keillor began his career in 1969 writing comic essays for The New Yorker. Five years later, he created a live variety show for the radio called "A Prairie Home Companion," which immortalized the mythical town he invented, Lake Wobegone, Minn. The show ran for 13 years, until 1987, during which time it won a George Foster Peabody Award, an Edward R. Murrow Award and a medal from the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters.

Beginning in 1989, Keillor's new program, "Garrison Keillor's American Radio Company" successfully toured the country and abroad for four seasons. Then, in the fall of 1993, he decided to re-inaugurate "A Prairie Home Companion," which can be heard nationwide on more than 240 public radio stations.

Keillor is also an author. He has written "We Are Still Married," "Happy to Be Here," "Leaving Home," and the best-selling "Lake Wobegone Days" and "WLT: A Radio Romance." His newest book is titled "The Book of Guys."

Conductor Brunelle has been associated with Keillor since the first broadcast of "A Prairie Home Companion." They have collaborated on several orchestral programs and recordings, including "Songs of the Cat," "Lake Wobegone Revisited" and "Lake Wobegone Loyalty Days."

Tickets to Garrison Keillor with the Saratoga Festival Orchestra conducted by Phillip Brunelle are \$17.50 in the amphitheater and \$10 on the lawn. Tickets are available at the SPAC Box Office, all Ticketmaster locations, through Ticketmaster Phone Charge (518) 476-1000, and through SPAC Phone Charge (518) 587-3330.