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AN EVENING WITH **GARRISON KEILLOR** ADDED TO CAPA 2008-09 SEASON

Recently added to CAPA's 2008-09 season lineup, Garrison Keillor, best-selling author and host of "A Prairie Home Companion," brings his wonderful, dry sense of humor to Columbus' Palace Theatre. True to his radio form, humorist celebrity speaker Keillor will share hilarious anecdotes about growing up in the American Midwest, the people of Lake Wobegon, and "late-life fatherhood," all delivered with his signature class, charisma, and wisdom.

CAPA presents **An Evening with Garrison Keillor** at the **Palace Theatre** (34 W. Broad St.) on **Thursday, December 4, at 8 pm. Tickets** are \$49.50 and \$39.50 at the Ohio Theatre Ticket Office (39 E. State St.), all Ticketmaster outlets, and www.ticketmaster.com. To purchase tickets by phone, please call (614) 431-3600 or (614) 469-0939. The Palace Theatre Ticket Office will open two hours prior to the performance. Students between the ages of 13-19 may purchase \$5 High Five tickets while available.

Born in Anoka, Minnesota, in 1942, Garrison Keillor began his radio career as a freshman at the University of Minnesota, graduating in 1966. He went to work for Minnesota Public Radio in 1969, and on July 6, 1974, hosted the first broadcast of "A Prairie Home Companion" in St. Paul. The show ended in 1987, and resumed in New York in 1989 as "The American Radio Company." The show returned to Minnesota, and in 1993 resumed the name of "A Prairie Home Companion." Over 3 million listeners on more than 450 public radio stations now hear the show each week.

Keillor's most recent role included playing himself in the movie adaptation of his show, *A Prairie Home Companion* (June 2006). It features Meryl Streep and Lily Tomlin as the singing Johnson sisters, Lindsay Lohan as Streep's daughter, Woody Harrelson and John C. Reilly as singing cowboys Lefty and Dusty, and Tommy Lee Jones as the Axeman, who is dispatched by the radio station's new corporate owners in Texas to shut down the show.

He is also the author of many books including *Lake Wobegon Days* (1985); *The Book of Guys* (1993); *The Old Man Who Loved Cheese* (1996); *Wobegon Boy* (1997); *Me: By Jimmy "Big Boy" Valente As Told to Garrison Keillor* (1999); *Love Me* (2003); *Homegrown Democrat* (2004); and *Pontoon* (2007). His newest book is *Liberty: A Lake Wobegon Novel* (2008).

Keillor has received numerous awards, including a Grammy Award for his recording of *Lake Wobegon Days*. He has also received two Cable ACE Awards and a George Foster Peabody Award. He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and recently was presented with a National Humanities Medal by the National Endowment for the Humanities. In 1994, he was inducted into the Radio Hall of Fame at Chicago's Museum of Broadcast Communications.

With Philip Brunelle, he has performed with many orchestras, including the Chicago, Milwaukee, San Francisco, Pittsburgh, Minnesota, Dallas, and National symphonies. He has appeared at Wolf Trap, Carnegie Hall, and other major concert halls as a member of The Hopeful Gospel Quartet, and he has performed on his own in one-man shows across the country and on tour broadcasts of "A Prairie Home Companion."

The **Ohio Arts Council** helped fund this program with state tax dollars to encourage economic growth, education excellence, and cultural enrichment for all Ohioans. CAPA also appreciates the support of the **Robert Bartels, Virginia Hall Beale, and Barbara Clement Memorial Funds of The Columbus Foundation**, assisting donors and others in strengthening our community for the benefit of all of its citizens, and the **Greater Columbus Arts Council**, supporting the city's artists and arts organizations since 1973.

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