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**AMERICA'S FAVORITE STORYTELLOR  
GARRISON KEILLOR COMES TO CAL PERFORMANCES  
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 28 AT 8:00 P.M.**

**BERKELEY, September 22, 2000**—Award-winning writer, satirist, actor, singer and composer **Garrison Keillor** brings his distinctive take on life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness to **Zellerbach Hall** on **Wednesday, October 28** at **8:00 p.m.** Keillor, one of the country's greatest raconteurs, is best known as the creative genius behind the radio mega-hit *A Prairie Home Companion*, heard weekly by over three million listeners on more than 450 public radio stations and now celebrating its 35th anniversary. Author of numerous books, his newest is *Pilgrims: A Wobegon Romance* and is set to be published September 2009. "Only the most skillful literary hands should attempt the combination of flat-out farce and genuine emotion; Keillor... is up to the job" (*The New York Times*). In Berkeley, Keillor's solo performance promises to be a freewheeling collection of stories, some familiar and some new, exhibiting his singular sense of humor.

Keillor was born in 1942 in Anoka, Minnesota, and began his radio career as a freshman at the University of Minnesota, from which he graduated in 1966. He went to work for Minnesota Public Radio in 1969, and on July 6, 1974, he hosted the first broadcast of *A Prairie Home Companion* in St. Paul. The show ended in 1987, resumed in 1989 in New York as *The American Radio Company*, returned to Minnesota, and in 1993 resumed the name *A Prairie Home Companion*.

A prolific writer, Garrison Keillor is a frequent contributor to newspapers and magazines throughout the United States and abroad. He is also the author of more than 16 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); and 2004's *Homegrown Democrat*; *Pontoon* (2007); *Liberty* (2008); with his next book poised to be published this month.

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Keillor has received numerous awards, including a Grammy Award for his recording of *Lake Wobegon Days*. He has also received 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.

In 2006, Keillor played himself in the movie adaptation of his show, *A Prairie Home Companion*. The film featured Meryl Streep and Lily Tomlin as the singing Johnson sisters, Lindsay Lohan as Streep's daughter, Woody Harrlson and John C. Reilly as singing cowboys Lefty and Dusty, and Kevin Kline as Guy Noir.

With conductor and choral director Philip Brunelle, Keillor 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*.

### **TICKET INFORMATION**

Tickets for **An Evening with Garrison Keillor, on Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at 8:00 p.m. in Zellerbach Hall** are priced at **\$34.00, \$48.00, \$60.00 and \$76.00**. Tickets are available through the Cal Performances Ticket Office at Zellerbach Hall; at (510) 642-9988 to charge by phone; at [www.calperformances.org](http://www.calperformances.org); and at the door. Half-price tickets are available for purchase by UC Berkeley students. UC faculty and staff, senior citizens, other students and UC Alumni Association members receive a \$5 discount (Special Events excluded). For more information, call Cal Performances at (510) 642-9988 or visit the Cal Performances web site at [www.calperformances.org](http://www.calperformances.org).

For select performances, Cal Performances offers UCB student, faculty and staff, senior and community rush tickets. Rush tickets are announced two hours prior to a performance and are available in person only at the Ticket Office beginning one hour before the performance; quantities may be limited. Rush ticket sales are limited to one ticket per person; all sales are

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cash only. Rush ticket prices are \$10.00 for UCB students; \$15.00 for UCB faculty and staff (UCB ID required) and seniors age 65 or older; and \$20 for all other community members. Information is available at (510) 642-9988, press 2 for the rush hotline, two hours prior to a performance only.

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**Zellerbach Hall, UC Berkeley Campus**  
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