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'A PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION' COMING TO BUTTE

MISSOULA--

Garrison Keillor and the quirky residents of Lake Wobegon, Minn., will take the stage in Butte's historic Mother Lode Theater on Saturday, June 5, for two performances.

"A Prairie Home Companion" will present a live nationwide broadcast beginning at 4 p.m., followed by a 7:30 p.m. show specially for the audience. The Montana production of the long-running Minnesota Public Radio program is presented by Montana Public Radio.

"A Prairie Home Companion" treats public radio listeners across the country to old-fashioned humor, including song parodies, knock-knock jokes and Keillor's signature monologue, "The News From Lake Wobegon," an imaginary Minnesota town. Every week, in his rich, nasal baritone voice, Keillor spins yarns about the misadventures of resident Lutherans, Norwegian bachelor farmers and eccentric house pets.

Montana guests will include singer-songwriter Stephanie Davis and cowboy poet Paul Zarzysky.

The show has been sold out through an advance mail-in drawing; however, returned tickets will go on sale at the theater's box office two hours before show time. Tickets are \$35 each.

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“A Prairie Home Companion” also will be presented live on Montana Public Radio: 89.1 in **Missoula**, 89.9 in **Kalispell** and **Great Falls**, 91.9 in **Hamilton**, 91.3 in **Butte**, and 91.7 in **Helena**, **Whitefish** and **Dillon**.

The Mother Lode Theater, built as a Masonic Temple in 1923, recently underwent a \$2 million renovation, emerging as an opulent, fully equipped performing arts center. It is located at 316 West Park. For more information, call the theater at (406) 723-3602.

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