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(January 9, 2006)-The UMM Concert Choir will be the special musical guest during "A Prairie Home Companion" this Saturday at UMM. Other guest appearances include Andy Stein, joining the Shoe Band, Prudence Johnson, Doyle Larson and Quicksilver and UMM music faculty, Tim Sparks.

Garrison Keillor will present a live performance and national broadcast on Saturday, Feb. 11, at 4:45 p.m. in the Physical Education Center on the campus of the University of Minnesota, Morris.

The UMM performance of *A Prairie Home Companion* will be heard by more than four million listeners on over 580 public radio stations. It will be broadcast abroad on America One and on the Armed Forces Networks in Europe and the Far East.

Keillor is the host and writer of *A Prairie Home Companion* and "The Writer's Almanac" heard on public radio stations across the country. He is the author of more than a dozen books, including *Lake Wobegon Days*, *The Book of Guys*, *Love Me* and *Homegrown Democrat*. He was born in Anoka in 1942 and graduated from the University of Minnesota. He lives in St. Paul with his wife and daughter. He has two grandsons. Keillor is a member of the American Academy of Arts & Letters and the Episcopal Church.

*A Prairie Home Companion* is now in its 31st year of production. Airing live every Saturday night from 5-7 p.m. (CST), *A Prairie Home Companion* features comedy sketches, music and Keillor's signature monologue, "The News from Lake Wobegon."

"It seems overdue for the best and most popular radio show in the nation to come to the University of Minnesota, Morris, America's best public liberal arts college! Morris is not Lake Wobegon, but we, too, are on the edge of the prairie, and all our children are way above average. We are eager to welcome Garrison and the *A Prairie Home Companion* gang to UMM," said UMM Chancellor Sam Schuman.

Tickets for this one-night can be purchased from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, by calling (320) 589-6356 or by visiting the UMM Student Center. Tickets are \$45 for general admission and \$15 for UMM students (A UMM student ID is required at time of purchase. One ticket per UMM ID.). MPR members will receive a \$2 discount on the individual ticket price.

The will be no ticketing in any lots on campus the day of "A Prairie Home Companion".

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