



## Opening Plenary

### Garrison Keillor

Master Storyteller, Host & Producer

*Sunday, 5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.*

One of the most prolific American storytellers of all time, **Garrison Keillor** is a writer and humorist best known for his popular live radio variety show, *A Prairie Home Companion*, which attracts more than 4 million listeners on more than 600 public radio stations each week.

Keillor is also the host of the daily radio and online program, *The Writers Almanac*, and the editor of several anthologies of poetry, most recently, *Good Poems: American Places*. A best-selling author, he has published more than two dozen books, including *Lake Wobegon Days*, *The Book of Guys*, *Pilgrims*, *Guy Noir and the Straight Skinny*, and *Homegrown Democrat*. In 2006, Keillor played himself alongside a cast that included Meryl Streep, Lily Tomlin and Kevin Kline, in the critically acclaimed film adaptation of *A Prairie Home Companion*, directed by Robert Altman.

With Grammy, ACE, and George Foster Peabody awards, Keillor has also been honored with the National Humanities Medal, and election to the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

Offering insight and stories from his journey as one of America's greatest storytellers, Keillor captivates audiences with his unique blend of comedy, charisma, and wisdom.