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BROWARD CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS AN EVENING WITH GARRISON KEILLOR

FORT LAUDERDALE – The Broward Center for the Performing Arts presents one of the most prolific American storytellers of all time in **An Evening with Garrison Keillor** on **Monday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Au-Rene Theater at the Broward Center. The event is underwritten by Gary Wendt and Deerpath Capital Management.

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.

Labeled by *The New York Times* as "arguably the biggest star in the world of public radio," Keillor is 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. He has announced he will step down as host and move up to executive producer after he tapes his last *A Prairie Home Companion* on July I at the Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles. In 2006, Keillor played himself alongside a cast that included Meryl Streep, Lily Tomlin and Kevin Kline, in the critically acclaimed film adaptation of the show which was directed by Robert Altman.

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.

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

WLRN is the official media sponsor of the event. Tickets are \$40 - \$60 with \$110.00 LAN & TAM Airlines Club Level tickets available. Ticketmaster is the only official ticketing service of the Broward Center, Parker Playhouse and affiliated venues. Buy tickets online at <u>BrowardCenter.org</u> or <u>Ticketmaster.com</u>; by phone at 954-462-0222; in person at Ticketmaster outlets or the Broward Center's AutoNation Box Office. Know who you are buying from when you purchase tickets. We CANNOT PROVIDE REFUNDS OR CUSTOMER SERVICE for tickets purchased from unauthorized sites, brokers or secondary ticket sellers.

The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District at 201 SW Fifth Avenue in Fort Lauderdale.

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About The Broward Center for the Performing Arts

The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is one of America's premier performing arts venues. Presenting more than 700 performances each year to more than 700,000 patrons, the Center showcases a wide range of exciting cultural programming and events, and offers one of the largest arts-in-education programs in the United States, serving more than 150,000 students annually. The Broward Performing Arts Foundation, Inc. receives and maintains funds to sustain, develop and secure the future of the Broward Center. The Broward Center for the Performing Arts is located in the Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment District at 201 SW Fifth Ave. in Fort Lauderdale. For more information, visit BrowardCenter.org.

The Riverwalk Arts & Entertainment Consortium is a cultural partnership between the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Bonnet House Museum & Gardens, NSU Art Museum Fort Lauderdale, Florida Grand Opera, Fort Lauderdale History Center and the Historic Stranahan House Museum. It is supported by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Broward Cultural Council and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau. Programs are sponsored in part by the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs, the Florida Council on Arts and Culture.