

'Prairie Home' to feature guest host

For only the second time in its 40-year history, "Prairie Home Companion" will be hosted by someone other



Thile

than **Garrison Keillor**. The Feb. 7 and 14 shows will be hosted by **Chris Thile**, a mandolinist for the **Punch Brothers** and **Nickel Creek**. The only other substitution happened in 2011, when Thile's Nickel Creek band mate **Sara Watkins** took over with Keillor watching from the wings.

"'Prairie Home' has been a pretty dependable show and now and then it likes to do something entirely different," Keillor said in a news release.

"I look forward to sitting at home and listening."

Upcoming guests include **Nellie McKay**, the **Gibson Brothers**, **Heather Masse** and **Robbie Fulks**.