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Friday Night Is Music Night

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7.30-9.15pm BBC RADIO 2

The life and work of legendary American composer Charles Strouse is celebrated in this special live edition of Friday Night Is Music Night, marking his 80th year. Strouse is responsible for such gems as Applause, Bye Bye Birdie and, of course, Annie.

Featuring a special guest appearance by Strouse himself, this evening of music includes performances by West End musical stars Bonnie Langford, Paul Nicholas, Rosemary Ashe, Daniel Boys, Jacinta Whyte (the original West End Annie), Maurice Clarke and the children from the Sylvia Young Theatre School and the BBC Concert Orchestra, conducted by Martin Yates.

Tonight's programme, presented by Ken Bruce from the Mermaid Theatre, London, includes Boom Chicka Boom and Everybody Wants To Do A Musical from Nick & Nora; A Lot Of Living To Do and One Last Kiss from Bye Bye Birdie; and It's A Hard Knock Life and Tomorrow from Annie.

Presenter/Ken Bruce, Producer/Jodie Keane

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