



## Photo Flash: Strouse and Miranda at The Drama Bookshop

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Audience Rewards and The Drama Bookshop hosted an exclusive discussion and book signing with [Charles Strouse](#), with very special guest interviewer [Lin-Manuel Miranda](#), on Friday, September 5th, at the Drama Bookshop (250 West 40th Street, New York, NY.)

The Tony-winning songwriter of today, Miranda, lead an hour-long discussion with the Tony-winning songwriter of yesterday and "Tomorrow," [Charles Strouse](#), composer of American classics such as Annie and Bye Bye Birdie. The evening shined a happy light on Strouse's career and new book Put on a Happy Face: A Broadway Memoir. The discussion was followed by a book signing.

Audience Rewards members can RSVP for the event by emailing their name, member number and number of guests to [membership.services@audiencerewards.com](mailto:membership.services@audiencerewards.com). Non-members may RSVP once signing up for their FREE membership at [www.AudienceRewards.com](http://www.AudienceRewards.com). The book signing is open to all.

[Charles Strouse](#) is the Emmy, Grammy and Tony Award-winning composer of, among other works, Bye Bye Birdie (1960, with long-time collaborator [Lee Adams](#)), All-American (1962, with [Mel Brooks](#)), Applause (1970, starring [Lauren Bacall](#)) and Annie (1977). He's a three-time Tony Winner, and a seven-time nominee for, among others, Golden Boy (1962, starring Sammy Davis Jr.); Rags (1986, with Theresa Stratas), and Nick and Nora (1993). He is a two-time Grammy winner, and a three-time Drama Desk nominee; and recipient of the "[Richard Rodgers](#)" and the "[Oscar Hammerstein](#)" Awards. He has also been elected to both the Theater Hall of Fame and the Songwriters Hall of Fame.

[Lin-Manuel Miranda](#) wrote the first incarnation of In the Heights during his sophomore year at Wesleyan University, CT. Off-Broadway: In the Heights: nine Drama Desk nominations, including Best Music, Best Lyrics and won the award for Outstanding Ensemble Performance; the [Lucille Lortel](#) Award and Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Musical; the Obie Award for Outstanding Music and Lyrics; a Theatre World Award for Outstanding Debut Performance and the [Clarence Derwent](#) Award, both for Mr. Miranda's performance. He is the recipient of the 2007 ASCAP [Richard Rodgers](#) New Horizons Award. TV/film: "The Sopranos," "Sex and the City." A co-founding member of Freestyle Love Supreme, a hip-hop comedy group that tours comedy festivals all over the world.

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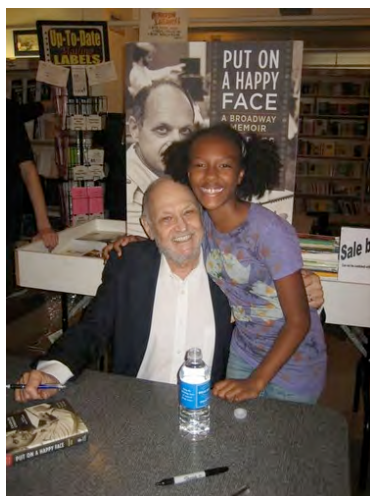
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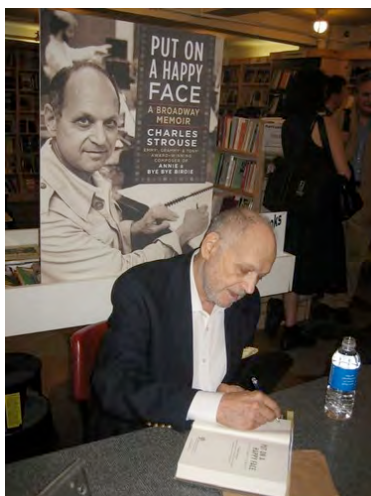
Carolyn Rossi Copeland, Susan Birkenhead, Barbara Siman and husband Charles Strouse



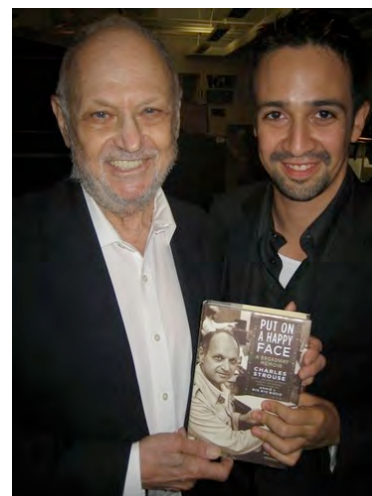
Lin-Manuel Miranda and his proud parents



Charles Strouse and a happy young fan



Charles Strouse



Charles Strouse and Lin-Manuel Miranda

