

SUNDAYARTS

CHARLES STROUSE TRIBUTE TO AIR ON *SUNDAYARTS*, NEW YORK'S PUBLIC TELEVISION STATION, THIRTEEN/WNET, ON JUNE 15 AT 12 P.M.

Highlights from the June 2 **Charles Strouse** 80th birthday tribute at the Paley Center will be aired on *SundayArts*, the on-air/online series showcasing New York City's cultural best, on Sunday, June 15 starting at 12 noon (ET) on New York's public television station Thirteen/WNET.

Produced by John Walker, senior producer of the *Great Performances* series on PBS, the segment includes film clips and conversations with the legendary composer-lyricist moderated by Paley Center president Pat Mitchell. Also on hand to honor the creator of classics such as *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Applause*, and *Annie* is **Andrea McArdle**, the original Annie.

Fans not in Thirteen's viewing area will still be able to enjoy the *SundayArts* feature on Charles Strouse at the series' video-rich companion site, www.thirteen.org/sundayarts.

Every Sunday afternoon on Thirteen, *SundayArts* offers local cultural news, on-location features, and profiles of movers and shakers from New York's eclectic arts scene. Along with the Strouse segment, the June 15 episode will feature the Metropolitan Opera's *La Bohème* plus news reports on the Museum of the City of New York's theater exhibit *Perform*; Roundabout Theater's Tony Award contender, *Sunday in the Park With George*; a sculpture show at Governors Island; *Playing the Building: An Installation* by David Byrne at the Battery Maritime Building; the free, five-borough *Make Music New York* festival; and a close-up of *Asa Ames: Occupation Sculpturing* at the Museum of American Folk Art.

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