



The Guide to Musical Theatre

CHARLIE AND ALGERNON

Musical, Based on the book by Daniel Keyes. Book and lyrics by David Rogers.
Music by Charles Strouse.

Opened Helen Hayes Theatre September 14, 1980 (17 perfs)

Called "Flowers for Algernon" when played in London.

SYNOPSIS

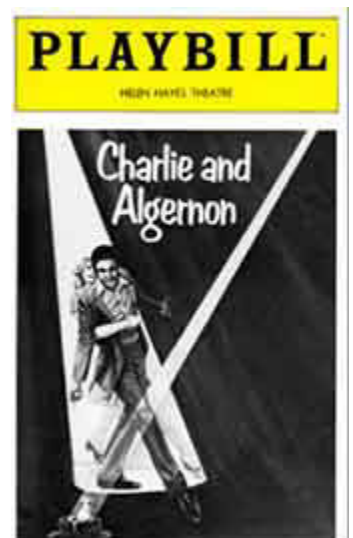
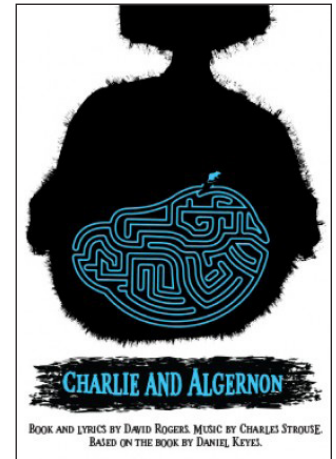
David Rogers has adapted his play Flowers for Algernon for the musical stage and it includes the glorious melodies of Charles Strouse.

Charlie Gordon, a man with the mind of a child, is given innovative surgery. His intelligence increases to genius level paralleling that of Algernon, a lab mouse, who has had the operation earlier. The interweaving of the fate of the man and the mouse and the love that grows between Charlie and his teacher Alice Kinnian make a most unusual, intelligent and romantic musical.

The songs, as varied and exciting as the story, include: the enchanting love song, "Whatever Time There Is"; the skylarking "Hey, Look at Me!"; the brilliant "The Maze"; the literate "Reading"; and a vaudeville turn in which Charlie appears to dance with the mouse. The original Broadway and London orchestrations are by Phil J. Lang and are scored for an orchestra of nine. The scenery requires small, fragmentary sets and is easy to create. Please treat yourself by listening to the cast album. You and your cast will know why you should give very serious consideration to this warm and wonderful show.

CAST: (5m., 4w., 1 child.)

- Alice Kinnian
- Dr. Strauss
- Dr. Nemur
- Charlie Gordon
- Little Charlie
- Charlie's mother
- Charlie's father
- Mrs. Donner
- Gina
- Frank
- Nurses



MUSICAL NUMBERS:

West End song list

1. His Name is Charlie Gordon
2. I Got a Friend
3. Some Bright Morning
4. Our Boy Charlie
5. Hey Look at Me!
6. Reading
7. No Surprises
8. Midnight Riding
9. Dream Safe With Me
10. I Can't Tell You
11. Now
12. Charlie and Algernon
13. The Maze
14. Whatever Time There Is
15. Charlie
16. I Really Loved You

Broadway song list

1. Have I the Right
2. I Got a Friend
3. Some Bright Morning
4. Jelly Donuts and Chocolate Cake
5. Hey Look at Me
6. Reading
7. No Surprises
8. Midnight Riding
9. Dream Safe with Me
10. Not Another Day Like This
11. Somebody New
12. I Can't Tell You
13. Now
14. Charlie and Algernon
15. The Maze
16. Whatever Time There Is
17. Everything Was Perfect
18. Charlie
19. I Really Loved You
20. Whatever Time There Is (Reprise)