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## Julie Andrews is a former patron of Music House.

Julie Andrews always maintained that much of her success was down to the kind and patient tutelage of her singing teacher, Lillian Stiles-Allen (1890-1982), who she always referred to as 'Madame'. They had been introduced by Andrews' stepfather, who had been one of Madame's former students. The young Julie would travel up from London by train to study with her at her house on Shire Oak Lane in Headingley.



When Madame left Leeds, she gifted her former home to the Yorkshire College of Music and Drama, with whom she had been a tutor for many years. It remained the College's base until 2010, when new premises were found at St Mark's House, and the college rebranded itself as Music House.

Through her friendship with Madame, Andrews was, for a while, the college's patron, and funded a scholarship for the singing student with the greatest promise.

To find out more about Julie Andrews and Lillian Stiles-Allen, scan the QR code >

