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JULIE ANDREWS

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Many stars emerged from the Golden Age, but one in particular shined brightest. **Julie Andrews** continues to be a beloved actress, singer, and performer. Her contributions to the theatre are endless, and her example of kindness continues to inspire many.



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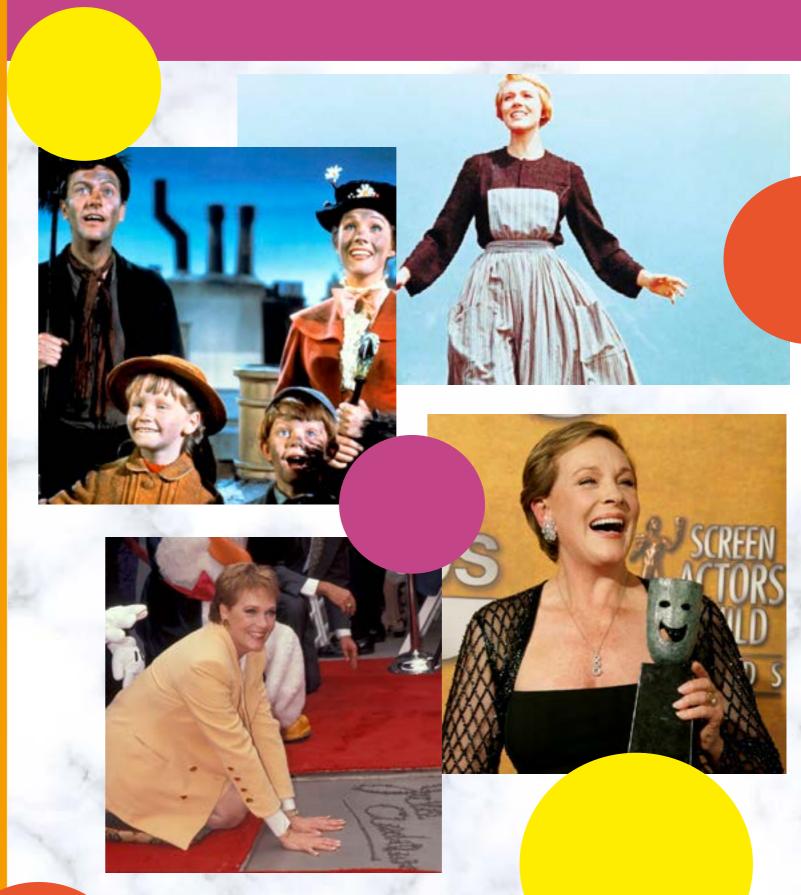
### THE ANDREWS made her Broadway debut in 1954 in a musical called The Boyfriend. After



Julie was born in England and began singing at the age of 10. Her singing ability was an immediate hit and her vocal range was admired greatly. She made her Broadway debut in 1954 in landing the lead role in My Fair Lady a couple years later, her career took off. She has won many awards, has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and starred in many films. She also published a couple children's books and even won a Grammy Award for a spoken word album for children called Julie Andrews' Collection of Poems, Songs, and Lullabies. Something wonderful about Julie Andrews is her versatility as a performer. Over the years she played both comedic and dramatic roles, succeeding at both.

Julie Andrews starred in many Broadway shows including, The Boyfriend, My Fair Lady, and Camelot. She also starred in the television broadcast of Cinderella, written for her by Rodgers and Hammerstein. Later she would go on to star in Mary Poppins and The Sound of Music. Later in life she also starred in the Princess Diaries. Julie Andrews also had a television variety show called The Julie Andrews Hour, and was a guest on other talk shows and variety shows at the time. Recently in 2017, Julie Andrews released a TV show on Netflix called Julie's Greenroom - a theatre show for young kids. One of Julie's greatest honors was receiving her Dame Commander of the British Empire by the Queen of England. Along with her other prestigious accomplishments, Julie received the Screen **Actors Guild Lifetime** Achievement Award, honoring her life and her contribution to theatre and film.

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Perhaps one of Julie Andrews' most famous roles was in the Disney film *Mary Poppins*. She played the "practically perfect", whimsical, and joyous nanny Mary Poppins - who came to help the Banks' children. Together they go on adventures with her chimney sweep friend, Bert, who is always having a fun time. Click on the picture to watch one of the most popular songs from the movie, "A Spoonful of Sugar". What do you think of Julie Andrews' performance?

What are some qualities you admire about her acting and singing?

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