

JULIA WILSON-DICKSON

A FUND IN HER MEMORY

Julia loved Central, where she trained. Right from her first days at Central in 1968, her talent and character shone through and she became pivotal to her class of fellow drama teachers.

"I remember Jools for her distinctive voice, her precision in all things, her wry sense of humour and above all her commitment to friendship." Julia's classmate at Central

Julia's character and rich reservoir of knowledge helped her to build a stellar career, making the most of her abilities, and developing those of others. Julia was privileged to work with many of our contemporary great talents in theatre, film and television, and likewise they were privileged to work with her.

A fund in Julia's memory means that we will see her remembered, not only in past film credits and theatre programmes and in the memories of those who knew her, but in a lasting memorial supporting future generations of students of the performing arts, through a fund for voice students established in her memory at Central.

We all know that the performing arts are a tough calling, and it takes a lot to get started. Julia's fund at Central would be used to help today's students with their most pressing financial needs. Today, students at Central pay fees of £9000 per year which goes partway to the cost of their training. This cost, in addition to the removal of government's Grant Funding and the National Scholarships Fund, means that students today are faced with immense financial challenges. Additionally, the intensity of Central's conservatoire-style training means that the option of holding a part-time job whilst studying is not a possibility – the acting course at Central demands 40-hours teaching time per week (not including supplementary support and performing in shows).

Central is a world-leading conservatoire – a specialist college nurturing creative collaboration. It attracts more applications per place than either Oxford or Cambridge; last year it won the Guardian University Award in recognition of its exemplary work in the area of widening participation and student diversity and was named by the *Hollywood Reporter* as one of the best places to study acting in the world; the quality of its research was recognized by the UK-wide university sector and its research grant allocation was doubled in recognition of this work; and its alumni are found in every corner of the performing arts – to name them all would be an impossible task.

Central welcomes donations of any size to Julia's fund. You can give by donating online at mydonate.bt.com; by credit card by calling the number below; or by sending a cheque made payable to 'Royal Central School of Speech and Drama' and sending to the address below. Please indicate that your gift is for Julia's fund and send Central the Gift Aid Declaration form [attached].

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