

# Leave a lasting gift

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You may have been moved by one of our operas, thrilled by our incredible Orchestra and Chorus, inspired by our work in hospitals, schools and the community, or are eager to help us develop young talent for generations to come. By leaving a gift in your will, you can ensure your passion for opera lives on and helps us continue to share the power, drama and emotion of opera with as wide an audience as possible.

## Why do we need gifts in wills?

As a charity, Welsh National Opera relies on support to deliver its ambitious programme of activity. We receive two-thirds of our income from the Arts Council of Wales and Arts Council England, with the balance coming from ticket sales, trusts and foundations, business sponsorship, earned income and donations from individual supporters, including gifts in wills. Gifts in wills play a vital role in supporting our activity and making opera accessible to all.

If Welsh National Opera has played a part in your life, please consider leaving us a gift in your will.

**It's easy to do.** After taking care of those closest to you, you can remember WNO with:

- A share of your estate
- A specific sum of money
- A gift of a particular item

Every gift in every will, no matter the size, is valuable to us and makes a real difference.

## What could my gift support?

**Unrestricted** – We would encourage you to leave a gift free of conditions so that it can be used wherever it is most urgently needed at the time it comes to us.

**Restricted** – Alternatively, your gift can be directed towards an area of our work that is important to you:

- Ensuring the future of our world-renowned **WNO Chorus and Orchestra**
- Helping to bring inspiring **new productions** to the stage
- Enabling our **outreach and community work** to thrive, giving young people and families their first taste of opera, and enhancing lives through the power of music
- **Nurturing young talent** through our award-winning youth opera, associate artist programme, technical apprenticeships and creative work experience schemes
- Invested in our **Endowment Fund**, generating income to support WNO and its activities for years to come: your gift can be free of conditions or used to support one of the areas above.

## What's next?

If you're making a will for the first time we advise you to consult a solicitor.

If you already have a will you can add an official codicil with the help of your solicitor. A codicil allows you to update your will without the need to re-write it. Alternatively, you can write a Letter of Wishes to accompany your will. It is not legally binding but can guide your executors and trustees to ensure your personal wishes are carried out.

If you wish to leave a gift to Welsh National Opera your solicitor will need our charity name, address and registered charity number:

Welsh National Opera Limited, Wales Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff, CF10 5AL

Registered Charity Number 221538

### If you wish to leave a gift to our Endowment Fund

Welsh National Opera Endowment Fund, Wales Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff, CF10 5AL

Registered Charity Number 1146595

### Reduce your inheritance tax

Your gift will be exempt from inheritance tax and could help to reduce the tax payable on your estate. If you leave 10% or more of the net value of your estate to charity in your will, your estate can pay inheritance tax at a reduced rate of 36% instead of 40%. In all cases we advise you to consult your solicitor.

## Thank you

If you have decided to leave a gift to WNO in your will or are planning to do so, we would love to hear from you. We would value the opportunity to thank you for your support and keep you informed of our work.

We understand that your will is a private matter. What you tell us about your gift remains confidential and we understand that your circumstances may change in the future. We promise that

- We won't ask for details of the size or type of your gift
- We will honour your wishes
- We will spend your money wisely

To let us know your intentions or to have a confidential discussion about leaving a gift in your will to WNO, please contact Lorraine Rees 029 2063 5014 | [lorraine.rees@wno.org.uk](mailto:lorraine.rees@wno.org.uk) or complete and return the form below.

'My Aunt and Uncle were WNO Friends for many years. They were always keen to do what they could to encourage the arts in Wales. WNO was a key component in this and as lifelong music and opera lovers, it was no surprise that they were such ardent fans. In this spirit they left a bequest to WNO – hoping to help ensure that future generations had similar access to the very best that opera has to offer.' **Zoe Nichols**

## Thank you for sharing your intentions

You do not need to tell us of your intentions but doing so means we can thank you and keep you informed about our work and future plans.

Your name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

- I have already included a gift to Welsh National Opera in my will and would like to remain anonymous
- I have already included a gift Welsh National Opera in my will and am happy for my name to be credited in programmes
- I am considering leaving a gift to Welsh National Opera in my will and would like you to contact me to discuss this.

### I have left / would like to leave

- A percentage of my estate
- A specific sum of money
- A particular item

We would love to know your reasons for remembering Welsh National Opera in your will. Please use this space to share your thoughts.

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Please complete and return this form, marked 'Confidential' to

**Lorraine Rees**, Welsh National Opera, Wales Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff CF10 5AL

or by email to [lorraine.rees@wno.org.uk](mailto:lorraine.rees@wno.org.uk)