

Do something **WNO**DERFUL – leave a lasting gift

You may have been moved by one of our operas, thrilled by our incredible Orchestra and Chorus or inspired by our work in hospitals, schools and the community. 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 financial support to deliver its ambitious programme of activity. We receive most 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.

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

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. Please contact us if you would like to know more about this.

Endowment Fund – Your gift could be 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 an area of our work that is important to you.

What's next?

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

- **Write your Will for free with Guardian Angel**
WNO has partnered with expert will writers, Guardian Angel, who offer a quick and easy online will-writing service where each will is checked over by a legal expert. For further information visit gawill.uk/WNO.

Guardian Angel also offer telephone and face-to-face will writing services for those who would rather speak in person to a solicitor. To find out more and book an appointment simply call their team on 0800 773 4014.

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 WNO 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 on 029 2063 5014 or lorraine.rees@wno.org.uk, or complete and return the enclosed form in the Freepost envelope provided.

'My Mum was integral in the running of the Liverpool & northwest England branch of WNO Friends for many years, along with my Dad and Grandmother. She was also the person who introduced me to opera and WNO when I was a child. She is the reason that I love opera and the reason why I wanted to work at WNO. By leaving a gift to WNO in her will she is helping to keep opera alive for both myself and future generations of opera lovers.' Elspeth Harding, WNO Casting Department Lead