

# How to make a Gift in your Will

## **Can I add a gift to the Australian String Quartet to my existing Will?**

Yes – it's as simple as adding an amendment to your existing Will. You will need the help of your solicitor, so contact them.

## **Gifts in Wills – your questions answered. How do I make sure my loved ones don't miss out?**

We understand your loved ones come first. Most of our supporters include a gift to the Australian String Quartet AFTER they have taken care of family and friends. Ask your solicitor or Trustee Company about the best way for you to do this.

## **How will my gift be used by the Australian String Quartet?**

Your gift left for general purposes will provide the Australian String Quartet with the flexibility needed to respond to critical priorities in the future. If you would like your gift to go towards something specific, please contact Michelle Richards.

## **Should I tell you once I've included a gift in my Will?**

You can tell us you've included a gift in your Will if you want to. We'd love to hear from you if that's what you choose, so we can thank you for your thoughtfulness. We can also give you a choice about how you would like us to communicate with you in future. For further information or to ask us any questions, please call Michelle Richards, Australian String Quartet's Gifts in Wills Manager on 1800 040 444 or email [mrichards@asq.com.au](mailto:mrichards@asq.com.au)

When people are kind enough to remember the Australian String Quartet in their Will, these are the promises we make to you.

- We will use your gift carefully and wisely so it can have the greatest impact for the community.
- We will give you and your loved ones the opportunity to be connected with the work you are supporting.
- We will handle your gift with care, sensitivity and respect.
- We recognise and appreciate that your Will is completely personal to you.
- We also realise that, rightly, your family and loved ones always come first.

We publish independently audited accounts each year so that you know how your donation is being used. You can contact Michelle Richards if you have any questions about including a gift in your Will.

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# Australian String Quartet

“In our busy 21st century world, we are surrounded by many sounds but it is a privileged few who enjoy the opportunity to truly listen. Our job, as story makers, is to lead people on a musical journey and provide an intimate platform for personal reflection, like no other ensemble can. With your support, we cultivate culture.”

Both timeless and enduring, the Australian String Quartet (ASQ) has established a strong reputation as a national chamber music organisation of significance over the past 30 years. The ASQ performs to approximately 20,000 people per year and has an even greater reach through public broadcasting.

With a mission to contribute to a more vibrant society using music as our currency, we hold the distinct position of being both an ensemble of excellence and a presenting organisation. Governed by a national Board, the ASQ comprises two high performing teams: a professional string quartet; and a team of expert arts managers who help realise the Quartet’s artistic ambitions. With Directors, advisory boards, subscribers and supporters across Australia, we enjoy a considerable national reputation and occupy a vital part of the Australian cultural landscape.

To understand the Australian String Quartet (ASQ), one must first understand our medium and our art form. A string quartet – comprising two violinists, a violist and a cellist – plays with a level of personal chemistry that creates a unique intimacy in the performance space.

The poet Goethe described the string quartet as “a stimulating conversation between four intelligent people”. Put another way, the string quartet is a high performance team comprising four equally compelling voices. In many ways, our four musicians respond to each other in a way that is closer to a great jazz quartet than a large orchestra.

This intimacy between the players, the music and the audience stirs an emotional response that is unlike anything you feel in any other musical context. The experience becomes more than music and leads people on a journey of discovery. All of this is heightened by the sound and vibration of live string playing and a uniquely Australian cultural character that allows us to combine uncompromised excellence and sophistication with a sense of warmth, accessibility and instant connection.

Our Vision is to be one of the world’s finest string quartets; a leader in musical excellence, distinguished by our unique Australian accent and celebrated for our ability to create, connect and inspire. Our busy 21st century lives are cluttered with an ever-increasing number of competing messages. Amidst the noise, it is easy to miss moments for reflection. Our job as the Australian String Quartet is to create meaningful opportunities for people to listen and reflect. We create a sonic landscape from which narratives come to life for our audience. As Australia’s string quartet, we proudly and continuously strive to cultivate a rich and inclusive musical culture in Australia. As the ASQ embarks on its 32nd year, we enthusiastically look to the future and embrace the changes that are shaping the world around us. We recognise the need to engage new audiences, to broaden our channels of connection, to deepen our commitment to regional audiences and continue to deliver more educational programs which challenge and inspire the next generation. We nurture tomorrow, today. As champions of Australian music, we are also passionately committed to celebrating and promoting our country’s very own music makers and creating opportunities for international cultural exchange.

A gift in your Will can help us achieve our vision for tomorrow. Your gift will ensure we can continue to thrive; it will enable us to remain a meaningful and relevant contributor to the arts, to Australia’s unique culture and to our everyday lives. Your gift will help to nurture a musical legacy.

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There are lots of ways you can make sure your loved ones are provided for AND still leave a gift to the Australian String Quartet. Here are the simple steps you can take if you make the thoughtful decision to include a gift to the Australian String Quartet in your Will.

## Step 1

Think about the size and type of gift you want to include in your Will.

Most supporters choose to leave a proportion of the remainder of their Estates, after they have taken care of loved ones. This is called a “residuary bequest gift”. Every gift we receive – no matter the size – is important. Talk to your solicitor about the most appropriate gift for your circumstances.

## Step 2

Decide if you want your gift to go towards something specific

You may want your gift invested in an area of personal importance to you, but the work of the Australian String Quartet is very broad, and constantly evolving. It’s important we have flexibility to invest your bequest in the best possible way. Most supporters choose to include a gift for “general purpose”, but if you would like to discuss how your gift will be used you can contact Michelle Richards.

## Step 3

Speak to your solicitor about including a gift when you next update your Will.

Ask your solicitor or Trustee Company to include your chosen gift to the Australian String Quartet when writing or next updating your Will. You might like to take along a copy of this document, which has all the information your solicitor needs.

## How do I leave a gift to the Australian String Quartet in my Will?

You can use the suggested wording in this document as a guide when speaking to your solicitor or Trustee Company. It is important that bequests are left to the Australian String Quartet (ABN 13473627792).

## Suggested wording for your Will

Including a gift in your Will is such a simple thing to do. You can ask your solicitor to insert the following clause into your Will:

I give free of all duties or taxes...

[Please insert here the appropriate statement selected from the 6 options below:]

1. the whole of my estate
2. [insert number] % of my estate
3. the residue of my estate
4. [insert number] % of the residue of my estate
5. the sum of \$ [insert value of your gift]
6. [insert number] of my [insert name of shares] shares ...to the Australian String Quartet (ABN 13473627792) for its general purposes.

The official receipt of the organisation shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my executor.

## How much does including a gift in my Will cost?

The cost of putting together your Will depends on how complex your personal affairs are. Ask your solicitor for an estimate. You can include a gift to the Australian String Quartet whenever you write or next update your Will.

## Do I have enough money to leave a gift in my Will?

Thousands of everyday Australians include charitable gifts in their Wills. Every gift – no matter how large or small – adds up and helps to create a musical legacy.