

LEAVE A MUSICAL LEGACY

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Music moves us. It connects us to our past and grounds us in the present through individual and shared human experiences. In our increasingly complex and distracted world, music is a bridge to bring us together. The Australian String Quartet (ASQ) is Australia's national string quartet and has been since 1985. We exist to create chemistry through the intimacy of string quartet music, and to amplify this across Australia and beyond. With a vision to inspire Australians to live a more musical life, we attract people to string quartet music by making exceptional music experiences more accessible to all. To achieve our vision, we embrace inclusive ways of working—adopting programs focused on collaboration and community, and tenaciously pursuing the artistic excellence that elevates the every day.

A gift in your Will can help us achieve our vision for tomorrow. Your gift will ensure we can continue to pursue mastery of our craft; 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 create a musical legacy.

HOW TO MAKE A GIFT IN YOUR WILL



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 One

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 Two

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 may contact Michelle Richards.

Step Three

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.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



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).

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.

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.

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.

SUGGESTED WORDING FOR YOUR WILL

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

Including a gift in your Will is 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 following options:]

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.

OUR PROMISES TO YOU



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.

CONTACT US

You may contact Michelle Richards if you have any questions about including a gift in your Will.

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