



West Australian  
Symphony Orchestra

JOIN US ON THE JOURNEY

2025 ANNUAL GIVING





*West Australian Symphony Orchestra respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Custodians and Elders of Country throughout Western Australia, and the Whadjuk Noongar people on whose lands we work and share music.*

# A TREASURED TRADITION OF GIVING

The power of philanthropy has long been the cornerstone of the West Australian Symphony Orchestra. For almost a century, generations of patrons have formed a devoted community around their love of music and this Orchestra, collectively raising the bar of excellence.

WASO's Annual Giving program has provided our giving community with a direct connection to the beating heart of our organisation, enabling the Orchestra to thrive. Every donation underpins the company's artistic operations and helps to fund behind-the-scenes work that creates first-class artistic experiences for music lovers, both on and off the stage.

Annual Giving is one of the most meaningful ways you can support WASO. Your commitment today will lay a foundation for a vibrant future, where musicians and audiences can continue to experience the delight and wonders of live orchestral music.

Thank you for being with us and for supporting quality artistry, talented professionals and this essential Western Australian cultural asset.

**Janet Holmes à Court AC**  
**Patron of Private Giving**





# BECOME A PARTNER IN OUR JOURNEY

Music is for everyone. We are always striving to deliver captivating performances while breaking down barriers for attendance, enabling people from all walks of life to experience the transformative power of live orchestral music.

Today we depend more than ever on the generosity of our community to realise our artistic ambitions and to sustain our upward trajectory.

This is where we rely on your support.

You are vital to our journey, ensuring that music continues for generations to come. Thank you for enabling us to share the joy of music with Western Australia.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Asher".

**Asher Fisch**  
**Principal Conductor and Artistic Adviser**

Asher Fisch appears courtesy of Wesfarmers Arts.



# ENRICHING LIVES TOGETHER

As musicians, we are so passionate about our work and creating performances to move you. From the stage we can feel the support of our patrons, and are grateful for the contribution of WASO’s giving community.

With ticket prices covering only a quarter of our operating costs, your generosity supports every performance and program we deliver.

Every gift to the Annual Giving program fuels our artistic growth. With your support we are able to enrich our musicianship, present pioneering repertoire for our new era, and create opportunities for music lovers everywhere to experience the transformative power of WASO.

We can dream even bigger with you by our side.

*Sam*

**Samantha Wickramasinghe**  
Violin | Annual Giving Ambassador

Samantha Wickramasinghe’s Chair is supported by The Baker Family through the Duet program.



# WITH YOU, WE CAN

Every day I feel gratitude for the community who dedicate their time and donate money to support us, and whose generosity enables the development of our Orchestra.

Our next chapter promises to be an exciting one and with Principal Conductor Asher Fisch’s extraordinary vision propelling us forward, the power and potential of annual giving has never been greater.

If you are in a position to support the musicians and the art form at this defining time, we graciously invite you to do so.

Gifts of every size will actively support the Orchestra that you love and build a foundation upon which WASO can continue to thrive.

*Allan Meyer*

**Allan Meyer**  
Principal Clarinet | Annual Giving Ambassador

Allan Meyer’s Chair is supported by Leanne & Sam Walsh AO through the Duet program.







## AREAS FOR SUPPORT

There are a range of areas to which you can give to support your Orchestra.

From enabling concerts and performances, to fostering music education, commissioning new works, and engaging with the community.

Your gift can bring the enriching power of music, through an endeavour that means the most to you.



## CONCERTS & PERFORMANCES

EXTRAORDINARY MUSIC  
NEEDS EXTRAORDINARY  
SUPPORT. ALWAYS.

The needs of an orchestra are legion.

Concerts begin long before an orchestra takes to the stage. Repertoire is set, schedules are built and scores are prepared. Everything on the stage is planned, procured and placed.

Extraordinary sounds require extraordinary people performing with extraordinary instruments that are maintained to the highest calibre.

Gifts made to concerts and performances go to support everything on stage and off that contributes to the performances you love.

## DUET

PARTNER WITH PASSION.  
POWER THE PERFORMANCE.

Through Duet, you have the chance to support a musician, connecting with them through a shared passion for performance and music.

As a Duet partner, you play an essential role in the future of our Orchestra, further enabling the pursuit of artistic excellence.

Duet offers you the opportunity to become part of a musical partnership.

The connection you share with your musician strengthens through exclusive events and personalised experiences that extend beyond the performance spaces.

## SONG BOOK

EMPOWER VISIONARIES.  
COMPOSE THE CLASSICS.

Composers can challenge the status quo and redefine the possibilities of music. Many new works may never have existed without the support of passionate patrons enabling a vibrant and evolving musical landscape.

Just as the masterpieces of Mozart, Beethoven, and Tchaikovsky were once brought to life by visionary patrons, support of WASO's Song Book can help create the next generation of orchestral classics.

Gifts made through Song Book shape the future of music; supporting today's composers, and investing in tomorrow's symphonic masterpieces.

## CRESCENDO

A YOUNG PERSON'S BRIGHT  
FUTURE STARTS HERE.

Delivered at two schools in Kwinana, this free music education program offers almost 2000 lessons every year. Students also have the chance to learn violin or cello, attend choir and enjoy WASO incursions and excursions.

Students engaging with and playing music have improved school attendance, accelerated learning, and more confidence to face challenges and create solutions. This means that the opportunities offered by Crescendo are truly life changing and delivered to children who need them most.

Gifts to Crescendo support the delivery of this exceptional program and enable the enrichment of young lives through music.

## COMMUNITY AND EDUCATION

TRANSFORMING OUR  
COMMUNITY THROUGH MUSIC.

The core principle of our Community Engagement programs revolves around translating our mission statement into action.

A child's first encounter with live music can ignite a lifelong passion. A performance in a hospital room can bring light to someone's darkest days. A shared musical experience can bridge divides, creating moments of connection that transcend age, ability, and circumstance.

By supporting WASO's outreach programs, you bring music to those who need it most. Your generosity ensures that the transformative power of music reaches far beyond the stage. It allows us to nurture young musicians, bring music education into schools, and share the joy of music with all corners of our community.



# A FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE

WASO has been enriching lives through music for almost a century and we want to do so for many more years to come.

While a gift to our Annual Giving program provides for WASO now, a gift to the Endowment Fund through a bequest or one-off major donation also creates a legacy.

As you consider your annual gift to WASO, we invite you to also consider a gift to our Endowment Fund by including WASO in your will, thereby becoming a member of our Symphony Circle.

A bequest helps to ensure that the music you love continues to inspire and connect people for years to come. Whether large or small, every gift makes a difference – supporting unforgettable performances, nurturing young talent, and sharing music with communities across the state.

To learn more or to speak confidentially, please contact Lisa Alexandra on 08 9326 0020 or [alexandral@waso.com.au](mailto:alexandral@waso.com.au).



# SMALL GIFTS MAKE A BIG IMPACT

Regular Giving is a way to make a meaningful impact with smaller, manageable gifts that add up to something truly extraordinary.

By choosing a donation amount that fits comfortably within your budget, you can spread your support over time – whether monthly, quarterly, or annually.

This flexibility is designed to make it easier for you to contribute, without the challenge of a large, one-time donation.

With automatic payments, you can enjoy the convenience of Regular Giving without hassle, and feel confident knowing your support is sustaining the Orchestra's performances and programs.

You remain part of the program for as long as you wish, and can change your involvement at any time.

Contact the Philanthropy team on 08 9326 0016 for more information and to explore the different ways we can support your giving to WASO.



# WHEN YOU JOIN US

Donors to WASO become Giving Circle members, joining a special community dedicated to ensuring the company they love continues to flourish into the future.

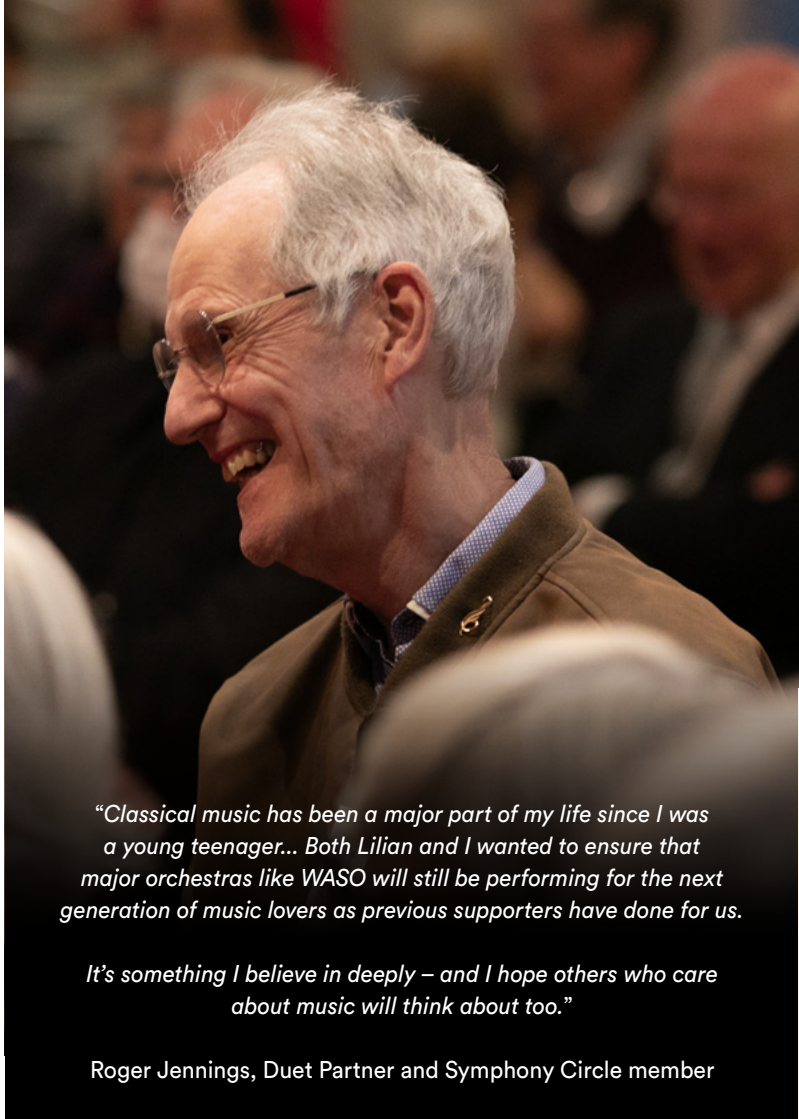
We enjoy getting to know our Giving Circle members personally and send invitations to events and experiences that bring you even closer to the company.

Additionally, all supporters can look forward to receiving a copy of Encore, our exclusive magazine for the WASO giving community, twice a year.

# GET IN TOUCH

If you have additional questions about Annual Giving or would like to start a conversation about how you can make a difference to the future of WASO, please contact us.

08 9326 0016 or philanthropy@waso.com.au



*“Classical music has been a major part of my life since I was a young teenager... Both Lilian and I wanted to ensure that major orchestras like WASO will still be performing for the next generation of music lovers as previous supporters have done for us.*

*It’s something I believe in deeply – and I hope others who care about music will think about too.”*

Roger Jennings, Duet Partner and Symphony Circle member

# HOW TO DONATE



**Mail**  
Complete and return this form to:  
**WASO Philanthropy**  
PO Box 3041, East Perth WA 6892.



**Phone**  
Call our dedicated Philanthropy Team on 08 9326 0016.



**Online**  
philanthropy@waso.com.au  
OR scan the QR code above.



## GIVING CIRCLES

Friends	\$40+
Tutti	\$500+
Principal	\$1,000+
Virtuoso	\$2,500+
Maestro	\$5,000+

## Leadership

Principal Conductor’s	\$10,000+
Chairman’s	\$25,000+

# GIVING FORM

## Your details

Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

We would love to send you birthday wishes!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (DD/MM) \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (DD/MM) \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

## Acknowledgement

Gifts \$500 and over are recognised on our Giving List featured in concert programs and on our website.

☐ Please honour my gift as \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I wish to remain unnamed

## Planned giving and gifts in will

☐ I would like to receive information about making a bequest to WASO

☐ I have made arrangements to include WASO in my Will

## I would like to receive information about supporting

☐ a musician through Duet ☐ a commission through Song Book

Form continues overleaf.



## My Gift

You can choose to gift in a way which suits you.

☐ I wish to make my gift in full today \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I wish for this to be an ongoing contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ monthly ☐ quarterly ☐ biannually ☐ annually  
(the Philanthropy team will contact you to confirm this arrangement)

I would like my gift to go towards:

- ☐ Concerts and Performances ☐ Crescendo  
☐ Community & Education ☐ Area of greatest need

## Payment

☐ Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Exp \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card \_\_\_\_\_

☐ EFT BSB: 086 006 Acc: 32 221 0801

Please include your full name in the reference line

☐ Cheque Made payable to West Australian Symphony Orchestra

## THANK YOU

All donations \$2 and over are tax deductible. Please allow up to 10 business days for your receipt. ABN: 26 081 230 284. Through your gift, you automatically opt into our mailing list keeping you up to date with the latest news and ensuring you receive invitations to Giving Circle events. For details of our Privacy Policy, please refer to our website.

☐ Please opt me out of ALL communications from WASO

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