



WASO

West Australian
Symphony Orchestra

WASO PHILANTHROPY

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The Will of Music

Are you interested in supporting WASO now and into the future? A simple, rewarding and versatile way to support us for years to come is a gift in your will, also known as a charitable bequest.

Bequests are a wonderful way of making a positive statement about what you believe in. They can ensure that both your loved ones and the cultural organisations that left an impact on your life are looked after long after you are gone. Looking to the future, these are very special gifts that we preserve as your musical legacy. They are also advantageous to you – WASO is a deductible gift recipient, so a bequest may have favourable tax benefits for your estate.

WASO is a charitable organisation reaching over 200,000 people annually and we increasingly rely on the support of our philanthropic community. Monies from bequests are invested and preserved in the Endowment Fund for the Orchestra and the income earned, less inflation, is used to support WASO's activities for many years into the future. This means that your money lives on forever, providing support for the development of young artists, regional touring, the commissioning of new musical works and WASO's award winning Education and Community Engagement program.

WASO's mission is to *touch souls and enrich lives through music*. Our bequest program is not designed for the rich but rather for the enriched, and we invite you to join us in making sure the music keeps on playing.

Estate Planning Is For Everyone

A will gives you the opportunity to direct how your estate, whatever the size, is to be divided amongst those who are dear to you. If you do not have a current will, the state may decide in accordance with state law who benefits from your estate and the result may be very different from what you had wished. Creating a will is not expensive, but failing to make a will can become a costly affair for your potential beneficiaries. Having a legal will therefore avoids problems and extra expenses for your loved ones at a challenging time.

Sometimes people feel they have nothing to give or do not have the means to contribute during their lifetime. You can, however, plan for the future by leaving a bequest through the distribution of your assets, regardless of your age or financial situation. This ensures your own peace of mind while providing for the future of an organisation you love by crowning your long relationship with it through a bequest.

If you have already written your will and do not wish to make major changes, you can add a codicil (an amendment to an existing will) to include WASO. Your solicitor can help you with any changes.

We advise you to contact your financial or legal adviser as early as possible to discuss your intentions before leaving a bequest.





Dr Glenda Campbell-Evans
WASO Patron & Bequestor

We benefit from the talents, foresight and generosity of those who have gone before us. The contributions others have made to build community and culture enrich our lives and create experiences that otherwise would not be possible. The vitality of WASO is created by the musicians, audience, professional staff, Patrons and Friends, corporate sponsors and volunteers. WASO is the musical icon it is because of the collective skill, effort and vision of its past and current contributors.

We learn to take turns in kindergarten. It is now my turn to contribute to WASO as others have contributed before me. It is my turn to be more than an audience member and volunteer – to do more than enjoy WASO. It is my turn to repay the debt I owe to those who have made WASO the inspiration it is. By making a bequest, I hope to create for future music lovers, what others have created for me.



Tim White & Rachael Kirk
Former WASO Principal Percussion & Current WASO Viola
Bequestors

WASO has played an enormous part in our lives, both professionally and personally, and we want to do what we can to ensure the ongoing viability of WASO, so that future generations of Western Australians can continue to have their lives enriched by the Orchestra. To this end, we have decided to include a bequest in our wills to benefit WASO.

The Orchestra's musicians very much appreciate their wonderful audiences, and we are doubly grateful to those who contribute over and above the cost of tickets. Their generous support makes it possible for the Orchestra not only to serve the Western Australian community by presenting a variety of extraordinary concerts, but also to nurture a life-long love of music in individuals of all ages and backgrounds through innovative education and community engagement programs.

At the heart of this generosity are those who have made the thoughtful decision to include the West Australian Symphony Orchestra as part of their estate planning. We hope you will consider joining us by remembering WASO in your will.



A Lasting Statement About What Matters To You

As our activities and needs change over time, we encourage you to leave an unrestricted bequest for the general purposes of WASO rather than towards a specific project. A bequest of this kind enables WASO to direct your gift to our Endowment Fund to help build a secure future for the Orchestra. This ensures your gift will be used where it is most needed, by underpinning the core mission of the Orchestra.

If you do wish, however, to indicate a specific use for your legacy, we advise that you or your solicitor contact us as early as possible to discuss your intentions.

Please bear in mind that leaving a percentage rather than a dollar amount has the advantage of automatically keeping up with inflation, eliminating the need for you to update your will later on.

If you would like to support the Orchestra now and into the future, we can also discuss the option of making a tax-deductible contribution to the Endowment Fund now, with the remainder contributed in the form of a bequest. This 'blended' gift allows you to see the impact of your legacy now while knowing that you have helped WASO share the joy of music with future generations of Western Australians.

There are several ways of leaving a bequest to WASO.

Specific Bequest

Nominating a dollar amount, or an expressed percentage of an estate to go to WASO. This can include real estate, shares and assets or gifts in kind.

Residuary Bequest

Designating all or a portion of an estate to pass to WASO after all other beneficiaries have been recognised and settlement costs are paid. This means your loved ones are looked after as well as the Orchestra.

Contingent Bequest

Indicating all or a portion of an estate to pass to WASO only if the natural beneficiaries do not survive the Bequestor.

Revisionary Bequest

Allowing a surviving partner to benefit from your estate during their lifetime, with the balance of their estate to be paid to WASO once they pass away.

At A Glance

What is WASO's Legal Name?

West Australian Symphony Orchestra Pty Ltd

What is WASO's ABN?

26 081 230 284

What is the example wording for leaving a bequest to WASO?

I give to the West Australian Symphony Orchestra Pty Limited ABN 26 081 230 284 for its general purposes (indicate expressed percentage of estate, dollar amount and/or the item or property to be given) and declare that the receipt of the Company Secretary at the time shall be sufficient discharge of my executor's duty.



If WASO has played an important role in your past,

we invite you to play a role in its future.



Please Let Us Know

Alerting us to a bequest you have made will allow us to thank you appropriately by welcoming you to our Symphony Circle. Being part of this unique community gives you access to exclusive events bringing you closer to your Orchestra, and will ensure your generous and forward-thinking support of the Orchestra is acknowledged on WASO's website and in printed concert programs.

Public acknowledgement can inspire others to remember us in their wills, but if anonymity is your preference, this will be respected.

If you would like to have a confidential conversation about leaving a bequest to WASO or would like to arrange a home appointment, please contact WASO's Bequests Manager on (08) 9326 0017 or philanthropy@waso.com.au. Your enquiries are in no way binding and will be treated in the strictest confidence.



The music will play on
through your bequest.