Versatile. You can bequeath a specific item, an amount of money, a gift contingent upon certain events or a percentage of your estate.

Tax-wise. Your estate is entitled to an unlimited estate tax charitable deduction for gifts to qualified charitable organizations.

We Can Help
If you’re interested in giving to the Minnesota Orchestral Association through a bequest, contact us to get the language you’ll need to take to your estate planning attorney to add to your will or living trust.

If you’ve already included a gift to us in your will or trust, let us know by completing the enclosed survey today. Your generosity could inspire others to follow your lead.

Why Leaving a Percentage Makes Sense
When planning a future gift, it’s sometimes difficult to determine what size donation will make sense. Including a bequest of a percentage (1–100) of your estate or a percentage of the residue of your estate ensures that your gift will remain proportionate to your estate size, no matter how it fluctuates over the years.

A bequest in your will or living trust costs you nothing now; yet it can give you great satisfaction knowing that you are supporting our mission in the future.

Following are some advantages of bequests:

- Easy. A few sentences in your will or living trust complete the gift.
- Revocable. Until your will or trust goes into effect, you are free to alter your plans.
- Versatile. You can bequeath a specific item, an amount of money, a gift contingent upon certain events or a percentage of your estate.
Help Shape Our Future

3 Easy Decisions to Make

If you’re like many of our supporters, you hold our charitable mission close to your heart and want to keep supporting our work far into the future. But what if, because of life’s ups and downs, you don’t know how much you can afford to part with today?

You can play an important part in the future of those we serve by planning a gift to us after your lifetime. This type of charitable gift is perfect for supporters who love our cause but need the flexibility to change their minds at any time and keep their current assets intact.

Referred to as a bequest, a gift in your will can take many forms. Make these three decisions before asking your estate planning attorney to add the legal language to your will.

1. Choose what to give.
   Pick from one of these four options.
   - A specific bequest gives us a particular piece of property. If you disposed of the property before your death, we cannot claim any other property.
   - A general bequest gives us a stated sum of money. If there is insufficient cash in your estate to cover the bequest, other assets must be sold for cash to pay the stated amount.
   - A residuary bequest gives the “rest, residue and remainder” of your estate or, more commonly, a percentage of the residue after all other bequests, debts and taxes have been paid.
   - A contingent bequest requires a certain event to occur before the...
It is important to enlist the help of a qualified estate planning attorney when naming us in your will. Please let us know when you have made such a gift so we can thank you.

gift can happen. For example, you could bequeath funds to a family member provided that person survives you; if not, the funds would then go to us.

2 Decide how you would like us to use your gift.
Choose from one of these three options.

- An unrestricted bequest allows us to use the assets in the most beneficial way.
- A restricted bequest allows you to specify how we are to use the funds. Contact us in advance to be certain your intent can be fulfilled.
- An endowed bequest allows you to restrict the principal of your gift so we can use only a small portion each year, allowing the fund to last forever.

3 Determine if you would like to commemorate someone with your gift.
If so, please let us know of your intentions. Whatever your choices regarding what to give and how you would like your gift used, you can make your bequest in honor or in memory of someone special.

Did You Know?
You can amend or even revoke your bequest to us at any time. As your circumstances change, so can your gift to us.

One Person Can Make a Difference
A Story of Commitment and Determination

If you doubt that you are the type of person who would leave a charitable gift in a will, keep in mind that bequests can be made whether you are young or old, have a little money or a lot. Consider the true story of Rose Guepfer:

Rose was born on Oct. 22, 1902, deaf and mute, to a farm family from rural Wisconsin. Working in the sewing room of a hospital in Wisconsin for 31 years, she mended surgical gowns and linens, never earning more than $6,100 a year before her retirement in 1988.

With faltering prose, Rose once scribbled this note to an administrator: “I want to give money to hospital for sick people to come here to get well.” When she died in 1997, Rose left the hospital her entire estate, worth more than $160,000. The money funded an endowment for the hospital’s grief support center.

Let Us Know
We hope that you will let us know of your intentions, but if you prefer to remain anonymous, we respect that wish as well—and express our sincere gratitude. You can be certain your gift will make a lasting impact on our future and help us continue our important work.

The needs of your family are always first. That’s why a planned gift is ideal—you can support our work and ensure that assets will always be available to provide for you and your loved ones.
The Laureate Society
Honoring Those Committed to the Minnesota Orchestra’s Future

The Laureate Society was established to recognize and express appreciation to those individuals who have remembered the Minnesota Orchestral Association in their estate plans through wills, living trusts or other deferred gift vehicles.

Benefits of the Laureate Society:
• You will be invited to the annual Laureate Society luncheon.
• You and your guests will be invited to attend patron receptions in the green room during the intermissions of all Classical and Coffee Concerts. Refreshments are complimentary.
• With your permission, you will be recognized in Showcase, the Minnesota Orchestra’s program magazine.
• You may opt to receive Showcase mailed directly to your home.
• You will receive periodic communications from the Minnesota Orchestral Association related to estate planning topics as well as information about the Orchestra’s activities and events.

Members of the Laureate Society may remain anonymous, and all information is kept strictly confidential. There is no minimum commitment required for membership.

To join the Laureate Society, please contact the Development Office at (612) 371-5600 or visit minnesotaorchestra.org/laureateform.

New Event Information will go here....
2012 Guarantors’ Concert
Date: Tuesday, April 24, 2012
Time: 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.
Complimentary breakfast pastries and beverages provided
Location: Orchestra Hall

For more information or to RSVP, please call (612) 371-5692.