Celebrating a New Season and New Members

As we celebrate a new season of music at Orchestra Hall this fall, it is also a wonderful time to reflect on the successes of our past season and fiscal year. The Minnesota Orchestra had an incredible year, both financially and artistically, and I am thrilled to report that in addition to supporting our current operations, more people than ever have committed future gifts to the Orchestra through their estate plans.

With our Laureate Society roster at an all-time high, it is wonderful to know that so many people in our community hold the Minnesota Orchestra close to their hearts and have thought about ways to continue their support into the future. We are so grateful to these individuals for their generosity. And by letting us know about their plans in advance, it allows us to show our appreciation through recognition in our Showcase magazine and special events with musicians, such as the annual Laureate Society luncheon. In addition, advance notice helps the Minnesota Orchestra plan for the future.

Many options exist to provide a future gift for organizations you love. Some tax-savvy options are as easy as including the Minnesota Orchestra as a beneficiary of a percentage or fixed amount of a retirement fund or a life insurance policy. Others may opt for using a will or a trust to make their charitable donations. While we strongly encourage you to speak to your financial advisor about your choices, we would be happy to share information about planned giving with you as well.

If you would like information about planned giving, or if you have already included the Minnesota Orchestra in your estate plan and would like to be part of the Laureate Society, please contact Emily Boigenzahn at (612) 371-7138 or eboigenzahn@mnorch.org. There is no minimum required for membership and you may choose to be anonymous. All information is kept strictly confidential. Thank you for your support in all ways!
Get a Jump on 2018

A new year will offer a fresh start on your personal goals and resolutions. It’s also the perfect time to take stock of where you’re at in your estate planning.

Be sure you review the following:

- **Wills and trusts.** Review your will or trust for any life change such as a birth, death, marriage or a move to a different state.

- **Beneficiary designations.** Remove any beneficiary on your life insurance or retirement plans who is deceased or is a former spouse, and consider adding a charitable organization like ours.

- **Durable power of attorney.** Make sure your durable powers of attorney for financial matters and health care are current. A copy of the financial power of attorney should be given to your family members, while a copy of your health care power of attorney should be provided to both family members and health care providers.

- **Safe-deposit box.** Catalog the contents of your safe-deposit box. Give a written copy to a trusted family member and note any items you are holding for someone else.

- **Bank or brokerage accounts.** Name designated heirs or our organization as recipients of bank or brokerage account proceeds at your death.*

- **Charitable contributions.** If you’ve included a gift to our organization in your estate plan, review the details of your gift and let us—and your loved ones—know of your intentions. This will guarantee that your wishes are carried out after your lifetime.

*State laws govern payable-on-death accounts and transfer-on-death accounts. Please consult with your bank representative or investment advisor if you are considering these gifts.

NEED HELP? If you have questions about your estate plan or how you can support our organization with a tax-wise gift this year or through your estate, please contact us. We are happy to help.
Put the Checkbook Away
Turn Today’s Gift Into a Gift for Tomorrow

’Tis the season of giving. With the holidays near, you’re likely inundated with requests for support. What do you do?

When people think about giving to a charity like our organization, cash seems like the easiest gift to give. Write a check and it takes care of our most immediate needs, but what about the long-term needs of those we serve?

Regardless of the season or the time of year, there is always a demand for the important work we do. To help, consider turning the gift you make today into a gift for tomorrow by making a planned gift to our organization.

A planned gift is a commitment to benefit countless individuals for years to come. These types of gifts often involve a little more thought, but you can align them with your overall financial and estate planning goals. The best part? Your gift is generally deferred until after your lifetime, so your current income isn’t affected. Also, with many planned gifts, you can change your mind at any time.

No matter which gift type you choose, you can feel confident in knowing that your contribution will allow us to carry out our mission well into the future.

You Don’t Have to Go It Alone
Making a planned gift to our organization isn’t complicated. We’re here to help. Contact us to learn how you can make a gift for the future of those we serve.

GIVE IN THEIR NAME
Create a lasting tribute to someone special by making a gift in their name to our organization. Learn the details in our new guide Give From the Heart With a Tribute Gift. Simply return the enclosed reply card to get started today!
The Laureate Society

Preserving the Minnesota Orchestra’s World-Class Stature into the Future

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

Benefits of Laureate Society membership:

- Invitation to annual Laureate Society event with Minnesota Orchestra musicians
- Invitation to an open rehearsal
- Backstage tour of Orchestra Hall
- Recognition in Laureate Society roster
- Special invitation to Orchestra events
- Updates on Orchestra news

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) 371-7138 or visit http://minnesotaorchestra.mylegacygift.org.

3 Steps to Get Started

STEP 1 Return the enclosed reply card to get the FREE guide Give From the Heart With a Tribute Gift.

STEP 2 Browse our website to discover the many ways you can make an impact on the Minnesota Orchestra.

STEP 3 Contact us to start a conversation about how you can make a gift that best fits your needs and ours.

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