The look of delight in a child’s eyes says it all. Music engages us, it fills our hearts and it makes us happy.

We got to witness this again and again during Sommerfest in July. With the reopening of Peavey Plaza, the atmosphere was more festive than ever. Outdoor music filled the air and people from diverse communities across the Twin Cities and beyond gathered to celebrate music and togetherness, including contacts made during our Common Chords program in North Minneapolis in January. It was wonderful to see the lasting bonds made through these initiatives and to see our audience grow and our community thrive.

We are grateful for the support of our loyal donors and patrons who help make all of this possible. The Minnesota Orchestra strives to make itself available to all Minnesotans – from touring in greater Minnesota to Friday night concert broadcasts on MPR, to providing busing and discounted tickets to students across the state. We need your help to sustain the Orchestra’s accessibility and stature of excellence into the future.

A simple way to support the Minnesota Orchestra’s future is by including the Orchestra in your estate plan. It can be as easy as listing the Orchestra as a beneficiary on your retirement plan or will. Perhaps you have already included the Orchestra in your plans – we thank you! Please be sure to let us know so we can include you in special events with musicians and fellow members of the Minnesota Orchestra family.

We invite you to step up and make a difference. The organizations we support illuminate that which we value most in our lives. We hope you will consider making the Minnesota Orchestra part of your legacy.
Planned Giving: Gifts That Give Back

Everyone has something they are passionate about. You may be passionate about an art form that holds an important place in your heart, a cause that’s near and dear to you or a charitable organization for which you frequently volunteer.

But, did you know that you can ensure support of your passions, like the Minnesota Orchestra, even after your lifetime while also receiving tax benefits for yourself? You can – with a planned gift.

Popular Planned Gifts

- **Include a gift to the Orchestra in your will or living trust.**
  - Your benefits: Retain control of your assets and have the flexibility to change your mind at any time.

- **Name the Orchestra beneficiary of your retirement account.**
  - Your benefits: These assets pass tax-free, allowing the Orchestra to use the entire amount to support the music you love.

- **Transfer appreciated stock to the Minnesota Orchestra.**
  - Your benefits: You qualify for a federal income tax charitable deduction based on the current fair market value of the securities and are exempt from paying capital gains tax on any increase in their value.

- **Create a life income gift.**
  - Your benefits: Depending on the type of gift you choose, you can receive stable income for life or for a period of up to 20 years. You may also qualify for a federal income tax charitable deduction in the year you make the gift.

Need Help Making a Planned Gift?

There are many ways you can ensure your support for the Orchestra continues for years to come. Contact us today to learn more about planned giving, or for help finding the perfect gift for you.

WEIGH YOUR CHOICES

We can help find the right giving option for you. Learn more about how you can meet your charitable goals with our complimentary guide *12 Ways to Make a Meaningful Difference*. Simply return the enclosed survey today!