The Musical Legacy

A CHARITABLE ESTATE AND FINANCIAL PLANNING GUIDE FOR MINNESOTA ORCHESTRA PATRONS
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Nurturing Young Talent: Looking to the Future

The Minnesota Orchestra started the year with a successful Midwestern U.S. tour that featured an immersive residency at Indiana University, as well as the Orchestra’s first performance at the University of Michigan since 1972. The tour was an extremely fulfilling experience for our musicians and attendees alike, with a primary focus on inspiring and working with music students, including masterclasses and side-by-side rehearsals.

With 10 of our own Minnesota Orchestra musicians holding degrees from Indiana University’s prestigious music program, the school holds a special place in our hearts. By continuing to connect with this university and other learning institutions, we hope to attract the next generation of excellent musicians to Minnesota.

On a similar note, the Minnesota Orchestra Composer Institute allows us to connect with the next generation of composers. In January, we held our annual weeklong session of workshops and seminars, giving seven emerging composers a chance to hone their craft with music director Osmo Vänskä and Minnesota Orchestra musicians and administrative staff. What a joy to hear their works brought to life for audiences in the public MusicMakers concert on January 10.

As the Orchestra works with these talented young people, we are thinking about the future and the small role we might play in contributing to their future as the next great musicians and composers of our time.

As a supporter of the Minnesota Orchestra, we hope you will consider your role in helping to perpetuate great music for future generations by including the Orchestra in your legacy plan.
Preserving the Minnesota Orchestra’s World-Class Stature into the Future

The Laureate Society was established to recognize and express appreciation to those 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 the annual Laureate Society luncheon with Minnesota Orchestra musicians
• Backstage tour of Orchestra Hall
• Invitations to Open Rehearsals and other special events
• Green Room intermission receptions
• Recognition in the Laureate Society roster

One of the simplest ways to craft your legacy is by leaving the Minnesota Orchestra a percentage of your estate. Including a gift of a percentage of your estate or a percentage of your residual estate ensures that your donation will remain proportionate to your estate size, no matter how it fluctuates over the years.

Making Your Gift
Following are popular ways to leave a percentage of your estate to the Orchestra:

Include a gift in your will or revocable living trust. By putting aside a percentage of the assets in your will or trust – from 1 to 100% – you can leave a legacy while making sure your family has the security they may need in the future.

Name the Minnesota Orchestra as partial beneficiary of your retirement plan assets or life insurance. By dividing up your assets in percentages, you can benefit loved ones and the Orchestra. To make this type of gift, simply contact the administrator of your retirement account or insurance company for a change-of-beneficiary form today.

Let Us Know
If you have already included a gift to the Minnesota Orchestra in your estate plan, please notify us by returning the enclosed survey. That way we can ensure that your gift will be used exactly as you intend. Plus, it would be our honor to thank you for your future gift.

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Make a Big Difference by Donating a Small Percentage of Your Estate

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