Create life-changing moments through music.

An introduction to making a gift in your will

Like you, at Manchester Camerata we believe in the power of music across a lifespan, and the change that music can have within our communities.

Through leaving a gift in your Will, you can gift your passion for music to ours and future generations. We appreciate gratefully your interest in making a legacy donation. In the enclosed, we are delighted to share the impact of legacies and to provide further information. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us to discuss your thoughts further.

"Manchester Camerata's music changes lives both on and off the concert platform. For me, choosing to make a legacy pledge felt like a natural way to support the Orchestra's work in all our communities. Legacies help ensure Manchester Camerata's future impact for audiences, communities and the next generation of talented musicians who make all this possible."

– Anonymous supporter, who alongside their lifetime gifts, has decided to leave a gift in their Will

You can make this happen.
Together, we can change lives through music.

Globally renowned for excellence, boldness and innovation, Manchester Camerata continually sets new standards and redefines what an orchestra can, and could, be and do. To push the art form forward continually, we find new and different ways for Camerata musicians to touch new and diverse audiences and communities.

Our music brings people together, sparks creativity, and in a world that feels increasingly divided, offers both shared moments of human connection as well as the opportunity for deeply personal escape and reflection.

In a society experiencing a rising mental health crisis in young people, an ageing population living with the epidemic of dementia, and an increasing lack of opportunity for people of all backgrounds to pursue music as a viable career, the need for a passionate, innovative and progressive orchestra has never been greater. For an orchestra that embraces its role as a bold pioneer for the art form, as an agent of joy and wellbeing for individuals and communities, and as an incubator for tomorrow's musical talent.

But the resources available to support the future pipeline and diversity of musicians are at risk. The pressure on artists to keep giving, without being supported themselves, is growing. If we want music to keep making a difference, we need to act now.

Your legacy gift can build capacity to invest in future talent, support innovation, and help us extend our impact where it's needed most.

Your legacy gift

Leaving a gift in your Will helps support and sustain an ecosystem of talented professional musicians and their work on the concert platform and in communities.

People leave gifts to Manchester Camerata in their Wills for various reasons. Some have directly benefited from our care via our Dementia Music Cafés across Manchester, while others believe in the power of music or have a fond memory of one of our performances and want to ensure its legacy continues for future generations.

We welcome gifts in Wills that support the whole range of our work, so that we can meet the areas of greatest need at the time.

Our impact

Changing performance

Through commissioning diverse new artists, to performing Mozart internationally at the highest levels or collaborating with the world's biggest pop stars – this is what we do. Our ambition is to continue to create and share extraordinary moments of human connection in the lives of future generations, wherever and however we can reach them.

"Camerata musicians so perfect in their ability to open doors into our own selves, that was something of genius."

– Concert reviewer

Changing opportunities

Our award-winning Camerata 360° Ruth Sutton Trust Fellowships build connections with the next generation of musicians and their communities. By growing and sustaining the fellowship internationally, we can create a powerful movement of curious and diverse thinkers, providing opportunity and motivation to the musical change-makers of the future.

"The Fellowship gave me hope – not just for my own future, but for young musicians everywhere. The impact it has on young artists doesn't just last for a year or two; it will shape careers and lives for decades to come."

– Camerata 360° Ruth Sutton Trust Fellow

Changing Health

Built upon 12 years of collaborative research, we host the UK's first Centre of Excellence for Music and Dementia, in partnership with The University of Manchester, the NHS and Alzheimer's Society. We are creating a future where musicians can support everyone who might benefit from accessing the healing power of music at all stages of their life.

"Each week I have seen patients change in how they display due to the benefits in what the Dementia Music Cafés bring. We have had positive feedback from carers and it gives joy to know we are making a small difference in their lives."

– Hospice worker

The legal bit

We recommend using a qualified solicitor to make a new Will or update an existing Will. You can find a solicitor in your local area using the Law Society's website. If you would like to amend your Will and include Manchester Camerata as a beneficiary, there is no need to re-write your Will, you can instead complete a codicil to add a gift.

Making a gift in your Will

There are three common ways you can make a gift in your Will:

1. Residuary gifts – a %, or sometimes all, of an estate after all the payments have been made
2. Pecuniary gifts – a specific sum of money
3. Specific gifts – a particular item, such as property, shares, instruments, and music equipment

There are many affordable ways to create or amend your Will; however, we do advise using the services of a solicitor. Below is some useful wording to help you put this together, which we recommend you review with your solicitor.

I give to Manchester Camerata (Registered Charity Number 503675) of The Monastery, 89 Gorton Lane, Manchester, M12 5WF the sum of £___ /or ___% of my estate for its general charitable purposes absolutely. I declare that the receipt of the Chief Executive or other appropriate officer for the time being authorised by the Charity shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my Executors.

Thank you for considering making a gift in you Will.

If you have already included Camerata in your Will, we'd love to be in touch to show you the impact of your support during your lifetime.

There are often significant tax benefits to leaving a legacy as gifts in Wills are tax-free and deducted from the net estate before tax. Gifting 10% of your estate or more can also reduce the inheritance tax rate.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with any questions via email info@manchestercamerata.com or call the team on 0161 226 8696.

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