

BRITTENPEARS
ARTS

**Leaving a gift
in your will**



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I want my music to
be of use to people...
to enhance their lives

Benjamin Britten
1964

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If Britten Pears Arts has enriched your life, please consider remembering us in your will; help us to safeguard Benjamin Britten and Peter Pears' extraordinary legacy for future generations

Dear Supporter,

Our founders created a remarkable vision for us to uphold.
Today, we are committed to continuing their legacy for future generations.

Since our first Aldeburgh Festival in 1948, the legacy of our founders has become central to the creative life of the UK. Snape Maltings and The Red House have played a significant role in the local community, as well as being a vital cultural stepping-stone between Suffolk and the rest of the world. If Britten Pears Arts and what it represents are important to you, please consider supporting us in your will. Our creativity is infinite; our resources are not.

Your legacy gift could help, for example, encourage and inspire creativity among young people, shaping the futures of our next generation of artists; look after our internationally important archives; or ensure world-class performance for future audiences.

Every gift in every will makes a difference to our work and will help safeguard our magnificent sites, continue to nurture and foster the development of ambition and creativity, conserve our collections, and continue our vital education and research work.

Those who have pledged to leave a legacy to Britten Pears Arts will be invited to become a member of our Circle of Benefactors, joining an important group of supporters who have chosen to contribute to our future in this exceptional way. By remembering us with a legacy you will be helping future generations to enjoy Britten Pears Arts, as you do today.

Thank you for considering leaving a gift in your will.

Roger Wright CBE
Chief Executive, Britten Pears Arts

How your gift can help

Britten Pears Arts is a place of vitality and vision. If coming to Snape Maltings or the Red House has been a family tradition, then a gift in your will could be the best way to help and support us.

Please pass on your love of these special places.

Leaving a legacy gift is something anyone can do. Leaving just 1% of your Estate could make a huge impact on our work.

Every legacy will be used responsibly where the need is greatest: to support young talent by nurturing the creative voices of tomorrow through our young artist programmes; to transform challenging lives through music with sector-leading outreach and education work; to programme an exceptional array of concerts and to preserve and promote Britten and Pears' legacy through our internationally important archive - a key research resource for future generations of musicians and social historians alike.

To speak with us call 01728 687148 or email legacy@brittenpearsarts.org

Your gift could benefit one of the following areas:

Artist Development

Opportunities for musicians, other creative artists and researchers, at all career stages, from under-18s to established stars.

Community

Connect with communities through our life-enhancing work, giving vulnerable members of our community the opportunity to learn and create with tackling isolation and improving wellbeing across all generations.

Shared Thinking

Bringing together musicians, researchers, clinicians and communities to develop new ideas and approaches to music's role in society.

Archive and Heritage

Conserve our collections, preserve and develop our historic buildings, to ensure that they continue to be enjoyed by generations to come.

Performance

Continue to deliver world-class concerts, championing new commissions and premieres which are accessible to all.





Why write a will?

A valid will is the only guaranteed way for your wishes to be carried out and for your legacy to reach Britten Pears Arts.

Take care of your loved ones

By writing a will, you can be sure that your family, friends and loved ones are provided for in the future, as well as your preferred charities.

It's simple

Writing a will doesn't have to be expensive or time-consuming. You can find a qualified solicitor in your local area using the Law Society website.

For more details contact the Development team on 01728 687148 or legacy@brittenpearsarts.org

Reduce your inheritance tax

As gifts to charities are exempt from inheritance tax (S23(1) Inheritance Act 1984), leaving a gift to Britten Pears Arts may help reduce your tax liability. Any potential tax to be paid out of your estate could be reduced or even eliminated entirely.

If you leave 10% or more of the net value of your estate to charity in your will, your estate will qualify for inheritance tax at the reduced rate of 36% rather than 40%.

Everyone's tax situation is different. Your solicitor will be able to tell you more about the ways charitable giving may reduce inheritance tax on your estate.



Different types of gifts

A residuary legacy

One of the easiest ways to leave money to a charity. This is the balance of your estate after all taxes, expenses and other gifts have been paid. You may leave the residue to one person or organisation, or you can divide it among any number of beneficiaries. The value of this type of gift will increase as the value of your estate increases.

A pecuniary legacy

A fixed amount of money. Over the course of time, this type of gift will lose value because of inflation and you may, therefore, wish to index-link your cash gift.

A specific legacy

A gift of specific property such as antiques, shares or paintings. The item(s) must be clearly described in your will to avoid any possible confusion. If the will does not identify the property clearly, the gift may fail. Remember, also, that if you dispose of the property in your lifetime, it will affect the gift in your will.

A reversionary legacy

This is the means of leaving a gift to a chosen beneficiary such as Britten Pears Arts, while meanwhile allowing another person to have the use of it during their lifetime. For example, you may want someone to have the use of your home for the remainder of his or her life, or of the income from a fund. When they dies, the item will then pass to Britten Pears Arts.

Unrestricted gifts are particularly valuable as they enable Britten Pears Arts to use your donation where the need is greatest. If you would like to support a particular area of work that is important to you, we would be happy to discuss this further.



How to leave a donation in your will

Wording for your will

We strongly recommend that you speak to a solicitor about writing or amending your will to include a legacy to Britten Pears Arts. The name of the charity to include in your will is Britten Pears Arts (registered charity number: 261383).

If you wish to make an addition to an existing will, you can write a codicil to be kept alongside your will. You can find a downloadable codicil form on the Britten Pears Arts website:

brittenpearsarts.org/legacies

It's vital to review your will at intervals to ensure it still reflects your wishes and circumstances. For instance, if you move to a new house or get married, or someone mentioned in your will predeceases you, you may need to change it. Speak to your solicitor or bank about the simplest way to revise your will quickly and cost-effectively.



Remember a love one

In memory gifts

Do you have a family member or friend who cherished Britten Pears Arts in their lifetime who you would like to remember? Or would you like to make a donation to Britten Pears Arts instead of giving flowers at a funeral? Making a donation in memory of a loved one can be a particularly meaningful way to honour their life and ensure that the next generation can continue to benefit from our work. Your donation will support our ongoing work and provide vital funds that as a charity, we rely upon.

Gifts in celebration

You can also donate to Britten Pears Arts to celebrate a special moment in a friend or loved one's life, such as a birthday, wedding or anniversary.

To make a gift, please get in touch with the Development team on 01728 687148 or legacy@brittenpearsarts.org



Contact us

To find out more about leaving a gift in your will , or to talk in the strictest confidence, please contact us directly on:

Telephone: 01728 687148
Email: legacy@brittenpearsarts.org

We would also be delighted to meet with you in person to talk further.

Alternatively, you can fill out and send back the enclosed form and a member of our team will be in touch. We understand that writing a will is a private matter so all information you give us will be treated in the strictest confidence

Thank you for letting us know your intentions

We understand that the details of your will are a private matter. You do not need to let us know your intentions, but doing so means we can thank you and keep you involved with our activity and plans.

Name

Address

Postcode

Email

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Preferred method of contact

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Postal

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Telephone

Please contact the Development Department on 01728 687148 / legacy@brittenpearsarts.org or complete the form and return marked 'Confidential' to: Development Department, Snape Maltings Concert Hall, Snape, Saxmundham, Suffolk IP17 1SP.

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I have already included Britten Pears Arts in my will and would like to remain anonymous

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I have already included Britten Pears Arts in my will and would like to be acknowledged

Britten Pears Arts will hold your data securely and your data will not be shared.

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