



# Why help the RNCM?

As the one of the world's leading music colleges, the Royal Northern College of Music (RNCM) attracts some of the most talented young musicians from the UK and overseas. Our roots date back to the 19th Century when Sir Chales Hallé formed the Royal Manchester College of Music which merged with the Northern School of Music in 1973 to create the modern day Royal Northern College of Music.

Music is everywhere, and the energy between students, artists and audiences powers the RNCM's reputation as a major international centre for education, training and performance. Four public performance venues provide a stage for our talented musicians, hosting a performance programme that is unique in its range and quality, featuring a rolling programme of student performances alongside visiting artists and ensembles.

We are totally committed, not only to supporting our students financially whilst they are studying and training at the college but also to ensuring that when they leave they have been well prepared for what we call 'a portfolio career' - meaning, that besides performing, they are equipped to teach, to work with

children, to run their own businesses, to understand marketing and promoting themselves and to continually hone and practice their skills.

Looking ahead, the College is embarking on many new areas of development. In particular, we intend to progress our international profile and our ambition is to strengthen the position of the RNCM as a world class conservatoire.

Legacies provide a vital source of income for the RNCM. We currently have nearly 700 undergraduate and postgraduate students, many of whom would not be able to carry out their dedicated studies and performance without the extra financial support we receive from our very generous benefactors.

### How can I make a difference?

Anyone can leave a legacy to the RNCM, whether it is large or small, you can help give our talented musicians the best possible chance to pursue a successful, professional career.

#### Your legacy could help to fund:

- Scholarships and bursaries for students
- Purchase of musical instruments
- Masterclasses with world class tutors
- Development and upkeep of our student facilities
- Outreach and community work

As the RNCM has charitable status, any legacies you leave to the College are exempt from inheritance tax and will be deducted from your estate before tax liability is calculated.



## What do I need to do?

A valid Will is the only guaranteed way for your wishes to be carried out and for your legacy to reach the RNCM.

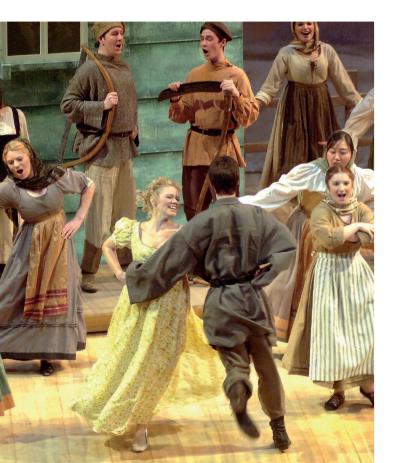
To leave a legacy to RNCM, you simply need to include details of the donation in your Will. If you would like to include the RNCM in your Will then your solicitor or financial advisor can help you to do this.

If you have an existing Will then it is prudent to review this at intervals to ensure that it still reflects your wishes and circumstances. For instance, if you move house or get married, or someone mentioned in your Will dies, you may need to change it. Speak to your solicitor or financial advisor about the simplest way to revise your Will quickly and cost-effectively.



"If I have another life a thousand lives – it (would) be exactly the same."

Mstislav Rostropovich



## What can I leave in a legacy?

A charitable legacy could be a gift of money or of any other assets that you leave behind. You may find the following guidelines and wording useful when discussing the preparation of your Will with your solicitor or professional advisor.

#### Giving a proportion of your estate

This type of legacy is otherwise known as a residuary legacy. It enables you to donate a percentage of the net value of your estate or the remaining sum after you have provided for family and friends.

I give to the Royal Northern College of Music, 124 Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9RD ("the Charity") [the residue of my estate] or [a percentage of the net value of my estate]. This gift may be used for general purposes. OR I express the wish (but without imposing any legal obligation) that the money be used [specify use – for example 'a postgraduate scholarship']. I declare that the receipt of the Finance Director or other appropriate officer for the time being of the Charity shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my Executors.

#### Giving a specific sum of money

This type of legacy is otherwise known as a pecuniary legacy and is a straightforward way to leave the RNCM a specific sum of money. You can choose if you would like to leave your gift for the general purposes of RNCM or for a specific purpose.

I give to the Royal Northern College of Music, 124 Oxford Road, Manchester, M13 9RD ("the Charity") the sum of  $\pounds$ \_\_\_ (preferably inflation linked to the Retail Price Index from the month in which this will is executed) This gift may be used for general purposes. OR I express the wish (but without imposing any legal obligation) that the money be used [specify use – for example 'a postgraduate scholarship']. I declare that the receipt of the Finance Director or other appropriate officer for the time being of the Charity shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my Executors.

#### Giving a specific item

This type of legacy allows you to leave a specific item of value to the RNCM. This could be in the form of property stocks and shares or other valuable items. The College may sell non-monetary gifts to utilise the proceeds as may be necessary.

I give to give to the Royal Northern College of Music, 124 Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9RD ("the Charity") my (full description of the item and location). I declare that the receipt of the Finance Director or other appropriate officer for the time being of the Charity shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my Executors.



# Pledge form

By completing this form you can let us know of your intentions to remember us in your will and help us to plan for the future. We fully understand that your priorities may change and the information that you provide does not obligate you in any way.

| NAME                            |                           | DATE OF BIRTH                            |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| ADDRESS                         |                           |  |
|                                 |                           | POSTCODE                                 |
| TELEPHONE                       | EMAIL                     |  |
| I INTEND TO LEAVE/HAVE LEFT THE | RNCM:                     |  |
| A RESIDUARY LEGACY              | A PECUNIARY LEGACY        | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY BELOW)             |
| THE APPROXIMATE VALUE OF MY LEG | ACY IS £                  |  |
| U WISH THAT MY LEGACY REMAIN A  | ANONYMOUS I WOULD LIKE TO | DISCUSS THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MY LEGACY |
| SIGNED                          | TODAY'S DATE              |  |

#### Please return to:

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Thank you for helping us to plan for the future







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