

Guide to Bequests



Your bequest, our future.

The Australian Festival of Chamber Music (AFCM) aspires to be one of the world's pre-eminent chamber music festivals recognised for its diverse and innovative programming and its ability to engage audiences for entertainment and education. The AFCM is firmly committed to promoting community participation in the arts. We strive to make chamber music an accessible medium for rural and regional music lovers as well as deliver intense and devoted performances by international artists year after year.

We operate by the following principles in order to deliver a quality celebration of musical mastery to North Queensland audiences:

Community engagement in the arts - The AFCM views itself as having a strong role to play in engaging local audiences with regional arts initiatives. The diversity of Festival artists, repertoire and special events featured in our programming each year reflects our willingness to consider the interests of a broad cross section of the community.

Cross-cultural understanding - Identifying and responding to our rich indigenous history is a high priority for the Festival. We aim to promote the understanding and respect of cultural traditions through music and performance.

Strong local partnerships - The AFCM places strong emphasis on working in partnership with local organisations to ensure combined community support and the sharing of local resources. A number of local corporate sponsors support the Festival each year in addition to many educational institutions and not-for-profit groups.



Why leave a bequest?

By providing for the AFCM in your Will, you will not only personally contribute to the depth and colour the Festival brings to regional North Queensland year after year, you will also enable us to ensure that future generations benefit from your generosity and experience the magic of chamber music.

If chamber music has enriched you throughout your life, there is a way you can ensure your passion for this timely art form will continue to enrich the lives of others for years to come. You can help preserve the future of chamber music by making a bequest to the Festival and feel great pride in knowing that your gift has helped build a secure financial platform for future generations of music lovers.

How do I leave a gift?

To leave a gift to the AFCM, you can make a Will or simply update your existing Will. Before devising a bequest to the AFCM, we urge you to discuss your plans with both your solicitor and accountant. You can make a gift for a specified amount, bequest a particular asset or leave a nominated percentage of your estate. No matter the shape or size, every gift to the AFCM is valued.

Suggested wording

"I give, devise and Bequeath free of all duties, death, estate, succession or otherwise

- 1.1 *the sum of \$.....*
- 1.2 *% of my estate*
- 1.3 *the residue of my estate*
- 1.4 *% residue of my estate*

to the Australian Festival of Chamber Music, hereinafter "AFCM" (ABN 34 050 418 730) for the use and benefit of the AFCM and I DECLARE that the receipt from the Company Secretary, Treasurer or other proper officer of the AFCM shall be sufficient to discharge for such a gift".

How will my gift be acknowledged?

Bequests made to the AFCM will be directed toward the *Australian Festival of Chamber Music Endowment Fund*. This fund has been established to provide a secure financial base for the Festival, ensuring the future of this annual celebration of artistic excellence in regional North Queensland. The income earned on your investment will go towards the commissioning of new and innovative works, general Festival operations, the planning of the Youth and Advanced Winterschool

Programmes and sourcing world class artists to attend the Festival each year. When you leave a gift in your Will to the AFCM, should you wish to be acknowledged your name will be inscribed on our Honour Board placed on public display during the Festival. Should you wish to remain anonymous your generosity will be acknowledged privately. This is just one way we can thank you for your lasting commitment to keeping chamber music alive.

How do I find out more?

If you would like to receive confidential information about making a bequest to the Australian Festival of Chamber Music, please contact Kate Whittle, Philanthropy Manager at the Festival office on (07) 4771 4144.

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