



The English Concert



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Guide to legacy giving

Inspire the music-lovers of tomorrow



If The English Concert has brought you joy in your lifetime, we hope that you will consider leaving a bequest in your will to sustain our work and inspire the music-lovers of tomorrow.

Leaving a legacy to The English Concert is one of the most powerful ways you can support the orchestra and shape the future of early music.

By pledging to leave a gift in your will and joining **The 1973 Society** you are providing vital security for the future of baroque music. You are leaving a 'legacy' in all senses of the word; a lasting gift that will be heard resonating around concert halls for generations to come.

Beyond outstanding live performances on the concert platform, The English Concert's work includes innovative digital access projects, support for young artists, and educational initiatives that introduce the very youngest in society to extraordinary music. As a charity, this work is only possible thanks to the generosity of our supporters.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harry Bicket".

Harry Bicket
Artistic Director

“ We are all part of a community that makes musical and concert life the galvanising, unifying and beautiful thing that it is. ”

– Joe Crouch, Principal Cello

The 1973 Society

Everyone who pledges a legacy gift to The English Concert receives a warm invitation to join **The 1973 Society**. Named for our founding year, this is a circle of like-minded legacy pledgers who meet, celebrate, and, most importantly, receive due thanks for their exceptional contribution to The English Concert.



“ The first performance of a Handel opera I ever attended was The English Concert's *Radamisto* at the Barbican. I hadn't known what to expect - but, as the oboe faded away at the end of *Quando Mai*, and a thousand of us sat in perfect silence, I realised my exploration of his music was just beginning.

Ten years later, and I'm still exploring in the company of The English Concert. 'Company' being the key word - because, whether listening to a recording or in the concert hall, it always feels a shared experience. No one reveals the emotions in Handel's music quite as they do, or performs it with such expert enthusiasm.

It's a pleasure to make a contribution for the future through a legacy so that others can discover Handel's music through The English Concert, as I am lucky enough to be doing now.

– Anonymous TEC Legacy Intender and member of The 1973 Society

How will my gift make a difference?

Making an unrestricted gift to The English Concert is the most helpful way that you can support our work. Unrestricted gifts support **The 1973 Fund**; our vital, flagship legacy fund for our areas of greatest need.

We appreciate that each person's relationship with music is as individual as they are themselves, so you are also very welcome to bring your personal interests to tailor your legacy to the areas of our work that you care most about. You can allocate your gift to a specific project, such as:

Handel for All

Our bold mission to share the music of Handel with everyone, everywhere, free of charge, with high quality video recordings of Handel's entire repertoire in a free-to-access digital library.



The English Concert Fellowship

Our career development programme for emerging baroque musicians. With training and mentoring, we are ensuring that the next generation of early music is in safe hands.



Unless you specify otherwise, general gifts in your will to TEC will be unrestricted, so that you can be sure your gift is best placed to sustain the future of TEC. If you are planning to specify a particular area of our work, we request that you get in touch with us to discuss your wishes, so that we can do our best to follow them.

FAQs

Please note, The English Concert is not providing legal advice about the specifics of writing your will. For the legal side of writing your will, we recommend speaking to a qualified legal advisor.

How do I leave a gift to The English Concert in my will?

Wills do not have to be complicated, but they are official legal documents that require careful consideration. Please be precise in your wording and include our charity name (The English Concert), registered charity number (271765), and address (240 High Holborn, London, WC1V 7DN) to make things straightforward for your executors when the time comes. An example of wording you could use to support The English Concert in your will is:

*I give to the The English Concert of 240 High Holborn, London, WC1V 7DN (registered charity no. 271765), the residue of my estate **OR** X% of the residue of my estate **OR** the sum of £X, absolutely for its general charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of the treasurer or other proper officer for the time being shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors.*

I already have a will. How do I add a gift to The English Concert?

If you are making small changes such as adding a new beneficiary, you can add these to your existing will with a supplementary document called a 'codicil.' We have created an example codicil form to leave a gift to The English Concert, which is attached to this brochure. You may wish to seek legal advice for your codicil to make sure all due procedure is followed, but they can be a simple and straightforward way of adding an extra bequest to your existing will.

FAQs

How can leaving a gift to a charity impact the inheritance tax on my estate?

In the UK, estates worth over a certain value can attract a tax rate of 40% above that threshold. Typically, inheritance tax is not paid on bequests to charities, and when 10% or more of an estate is bequeathed to charity, the inheritance tax rate for the whole estate could be reduced to 36%. We recommend consulting a legal advisor to discuss how this could impact your estate if you are choosing to leave bequests to The English Concert and other charities.

What can I leave as a legacy gift?

We are grateful to all who choose to remember The English Concert in their will, regardless of the size or shape of the gift.

One option is to leave a **'pecuniary gift'** which is a specific sum of money. This can also be a specified property, object, or stocks and shares.

Alternatively, you might choose a **'residuary gift'**, which bequeathes a percentage of the remainder of your estate after all pecuniary gifts and obligations have been fulfilled.

Some people may prefer to leave a residuary gift, as it will not be affected by inflation in the same way as a specific amount of money would be.



What next?

We hope that any decision to support The English Concert with a legacy gift is also a fulfilling and meaningful experience during your lifetime. We would love to celebrate your support and welcome you into The 1973 Society. If you would like to inform us about your intentions to recognise The English Concert in your will please fill out the attached form, or contact us using the information below.

While this brochure provides general advice and information, we understand that every situation is unique. If you would like to organise a confidential, no-expectations conversation with one of the team, please get in touch.



Contact information

Head of Development

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The English Concert
240 High Holborn
London
WC1V 7DN

Charity Number: 271765

www.englishconcert.co.uk

Your details

Title First name Surname

Address

Postcode

Email

Telephone Date of Birth

- ☐ I have already included a gift to The English Concert in my will.
- ☐ I am interested in leaving a gift to The English Concert in my will, and would like to have a conversation with someone from TEC to learn more.
- ☐ I am not interested in leaving a gift to The English Concert in my will and do not wish to receive any more communication about it.

If you would like to give us an idea of the approximate value and preferred usage of your legacy, please use the space below. This is completely optional, but can help us plan.

Crediting: We know that legacy giving is deeply personal, and so we understand that you may prefer to keep your gift anonymous. However, if you would like to be recognised in our list of generous legacy pledgers, please indicate your preferred crediting name/s here.

Signature Date

This form is an expression of intent and is not legally binding in any way. Please return completed forms to **The English Concert, 240 High Holborn (Third Floor), London, WC1V 7DN**, or alternatively scan and email to **development@englishconcert.co.uk**. By returning the form you are granting The English Concert permission to contact you using the details provided. Thank you very much for your wonderful support of TEC.



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Codicil Form

I (full name) _____

of full address) _____

_____ Postcode _____

Declare this to be the (1st/2nd/3rd other) _____

codicil to my will dated and made on date / /

I give (please tick as appropriate):

☐ the following proportion of the residue of my estate:

(state the percentage or share) _____

☐ the sum of (state the amount) £ _____

☐ a specific item of _____

to The English Concert of 240 High Holborn (Third Floor), London,
WC1V 7DN, registered charity number 271765 absolutely for its general
charitable purposes and I declare that the receipt of the treasurer or
other proper officer for the time being shall be a sufficient discharge to
my executors. In all other respects I confirm my Will and any other codicils
thereto.

Signed _____

Date / /

Please ensure that you sign this form in the presence of two independent
witnesses, and keep it in a safe place with your will. The following people
cannot witness your codicil:

- Your executor
- A beneficiary of your will
- Your executor's spouse
- A beneficiary's spouse

Signed in the presence of:

First Witness

Signature _____

Full Name _____

Address _____

Occupation _____

Second Witness

Signature _____

Full Name _____

Address _____

Occupation _____