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## Thank you for considering Arts Centre Melbourne in your Will

Like us, you know that investing in the arts today helps forge a better world, tomorrow.

That's why leaving a gift in your Will to Arts Centre Melbourne is one of the most meaningful and generous decisions you can ever make.

# The arts are the heart of our community. Will you help to keep the pulse beating?

A gift in Will to Arts Centre Melbourne transforms lives, sustains artists' careers and preserves the magic of the performing arts for generations to come.

It's an opportunity to honour your passion for the arts, while also inspiring your loved ones with a lasting memory of your goodwill.

Most of all, you'll help maintain our vital work.

<u>As a not-for-profit organisation, gifts in Will are our bedrock.</u>

#### Your loved ones always come first

It goes without saying. Your nearest and dearest should be at the top of your Will.

That's why we recommend a residual bequest.

Easy to arrange, this gift reflects whatever is left of your estate (or a certain percentage of it) after all your other gifts, taxes and debts have been allocated.

You can decide exactly how much of your estate you want to give to your loved ones, leaving the remaining portion to Arts Centre Melbourne.

So, even if financial circumstances change, you'll still leave the proportions you intended.

Most of all, it means those you care for will be cared for too.

### You'll join a special community of like-minded arts lovers

When you leave a gift in your Will, you'll have the choice to become part of our bequest circle, the *Amsden Ensemble*.

The circle offers exclusive benefits, including invitations to



I just can't imagine life without music and theatre.
I've had a very fortunate life to participate as much as I have.
So I love the idea of giving back.



**Carol Hay** Stage Left, Gifts in Wills supporter





distinguished community events.

As a member of the Amsden Ensemble, you will receive:

- A thankyou certificate, membership card and welcome pack
- Invitations to two special *Amsden Ensemble* events per year, plus additional invitations to Arts Centre Melbourne tours and gatherings
- Priority phone booking for Arts Centre Melbourne shows
- Discounts on services and Arts Centre Melbourne cafes and bars
- Optional recognition in the Arts Centre Melbourne Annual Report, Encore magazine, foyer boards and on the Arts Centre Melbourne website
- Regular and exclusive Amsden Ensemble newsletters

It's not just a gift to the people of tomorrow. But a gift to yourself – to be part of an exclusive community, today.

## This is your legacy. Your opportunity to shape the spirit and creativity of the next generation.

If you're ready to play your part in ensuring the future of the performing arts, we would be so grateful for your support.

The next steps?

In this pack, you will find two postcards. One contains the exact legal wording to share with your solicitor. The other should be returned to us, outlining your decision.

So if it's time to make the greatest gift of all, please:

- **1. Tell your solicitor:** Pass the legal postcard onto your solicitor to inform them of changes to your Will.
- **2. Let us know:** Send the other postcard back to Arts Centre Melbourne, advising us of your kind choice.

Alternatively, if you want to talk to someone from the Gift in Wills *Stage Left* program today, simply call us on 03 9281 8059.

With your kindness and support, we'll keep the arts alive – for years to come.

Warm regards,

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