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I love the arts because they tell our stories. Artists show us who we are, what we care about and what we believe in.



**Carrillo Gantner AC** Stage Left, Gifts in Wills supporter



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# There are moments in a theatre that touch us like no other

Moments that flood us with excitement, nostalgia and hope.

Perhaps you've been captivated by the grand storytelling of the opera. Or mesmerised by the sheer grace at the ballet. Enthralled by the power and beauty of an acrobat.

From concerts and circus, to musical matinees, magic shows and late night cabaret, the live stage moves us like nothing else.

It offers a place to escape and connect with our common humanity – all while igniting ideas and our imagination.

### Or maybe your most cherished moment didn't occur on stage

... but with a loved one. Before, during or after the show.

Mothers, fathers, grandparents and friends. It's the people we share the arts with who turn moments into memories – forever felt beyond the final bow.

### This is the magic of the performing arts. This is Arts Centre Melbourne.

As Victoria's preeminent performing arts organisation, Arts Centre Melbourne sustains the artistic life of Victoria – with diverse, accessible art that connects cultures and generations.

Access to the arts is core to our mission.

Through our participatory programs, people of all ages and backgrounds can nurture their creativity.

Yet, as the past two years have shown, we all feel the sense of loss and emptiness of life without the arts.

Safeguarding and strengthening our future has never been more important.

That's why we are asking for your views and giving intentions today.

## You can help keep this magic alive - long into the future

As a valued supporter of our special community, you understand the significance of our work.



You also know the power of the performing arts to build empathy, ignite community spirit and transcend cultural divides.

By leaving a gift in your Will to Arts Centre Melbourne, you'll afford future generations the same precious moments that transformed your own life.

Because moments at the arts are the seeds for building a more vibrant, inclusive tomorrow.

### Your support will impact many lives

People choose Arts Centre Melbourne because they know their support will reach the programs and people who need it.

By leaving a gift in your Will, you will help us:

- Engage emerging and established artistic talent to create programs and festivals.
- Give more children access to formative arts experiences.
- Preserve and share the heritage of the arts through the Australian Performing Art Collection.
- Provide access to arts learning for all generations.
- Support the health and well-being of all those in the performing arts sector.
- Inspire others with a lasting memory of your love of the arts.

### Now it's time to share your story - to help shape our future

If you value our work and might consider leaving a gift in your Will to Arts Centre Melbourne, we'd love to get your insights. To learn more on your connection to the arts. The performances you most enjoy. And which areas of philanthropic support you feel strongly about.

Will you please complete the survey within and return it using the reply-paid envelope enclosed?

By listening to you – our audience – we can deliver the best possible experience for audiences and supporters in the future.

### Warm regards



Gift in Wills

P.S. Want to support our work today? Every donation counts – and keeps our arts community flourishing. Complete the slip on the survey and return it using the reply-paid envelope enclosed.

The arts have always been needed and enjoyed.
Even during war, the arts have endured.
They've been an outlet for people; a light in dark moments.
It's hard to imagine the future being any different.



**Margaret Dobell** Stage Left, Gifts in Wills supporter