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Beautiful singing.

Glorious music.

Spine-tingling performances.

Divine opera.

These are the things that inspire Victorian Opera every day. However, we are truly inspired by the prospect of being able to celebrate this incredible artform with future generations.

Leaving a bequest in your Will is a wonderful way to make a donation that will have an impact beyond your lifetime. It is a powerful statement of your desire to support the work of Victorian Opera and a practical way to ensure that this company plays a permanent role for the people of Victoria, well into the future.

Once you have provided for those closest to you, please consider a gift to Victorian Opera. Every bequest, regardless of size, will ensure that beautiful singing, glorious music, spine-tingling performances and divine opera, will continue to thrive.

If you have included Victorian Opera in your Will, please let us know, as we would like to thank you personally.

Please be assured that any information you provide to Victorian Opera will be treated in the strictest confidence.

If you would like to have a confidential discussion about leaving a gift to Victorian Opera in your Will, please contact: Victorian Opera Head of Development Louise Lemke

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MORE INFORMATION

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

If you've decided to leave a bequest to Victorian Opera, thank you. In articulating this in your Will, the first step will be to specify whether it will be:

- An amount of money or a percentage of your estate that you would like to bequeath ('Pecuniary');
- The remainder of your estate, once family and friends have been provided for ('Residuary'). A Residuary Bequest means that you don't have to amend the gift in your Will if your financial situation changes;
- Other items such as shares or real estate, which will generate funds for the beneficiary ('Specific');

Your legal advisor can help you make the right choice.

The following is suggested wording for a clause that may be included in your Will to make a bequest to Victorian Opera:

"I give to Victorian Opera Company Ltd ABN 56 116 549 798 or its successor, the a) residue of my estate [or] b) [specify %] of my estate [or] c) the sum of [insert specific dollar sum] to be used for its general purposes. I declare that the receipt by the secretary, treasurer or any other proper officer of Victorian Opera Company Limited will be a full discharge for my trustee who will not be bound to see its application."

It is preferable that bequests to Victorian Opera are made for general purposes, however, if you choose to make a bequest for a stated purpose, we ask that you include the following provision in your Will:

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If at any time Victorian Opera determines that it is impossible or impracticable to carry out the stated purpose, then Victorian Opera may apply the bequest for such purpose or purposes as Victorian Opera determines most closely accords with the stated purpose.

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Victorian Opera provides this information as a guideline only. We strongly recommend that you seek professional guidance from a legal or financial advisor.

If you have included Victorian Opera in your Will, please let us know, as we would like to thank you personally. You can formally notify us of your bequest by:

- Providing a copy of the part of your Will that mentions the gift to Victorian Opera; or
- Have your legal representative notify us in writing that you have left a bequest to Victorian Opera.

Supporters who advise us of their intention to leave a bequest will be recognised as part of our Bequestor's Program receiving:

- Invitations to special events
- Regular updates on Victorian Opera's work
- Recognition in VO publications (as requested)
- With your permission, your bequest will be publicly acknowledged.

Should you wish to remain anonymous, we will of course respect this and acknowledge your gift privately. If you wish to make a significant bequest, we would be happy to discuss specific acknowledgement. Please be assured that any information you provide to Victorian Opera will be treated in the strictest confidence.

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