

# REMEMBERING ESO IN YOUR WILL

Remembering ESO with a gift in your will is a very special way to preserve Chelmsford's local orchestra for future generations. After providing for your loved ones, a gift of any size would make a real difference to our future, hosting adventurous concerts and delivering special musical projects for the children and young people of Essex.

## What is a will?

A will is an important legal document which lets you decide what happens to your money, property and possessions after your death.

## What type of gift can I leave to ESO in my will?

After providing for your family and loved ones first, there are three types of gifts (called a 'legacy') you could consider leaving to ESO:

- A residuary legacy where you donate a specified percentage of your estate.
- A pecuniary legacy, which is a gift of a fixed amount of money.
- A specific legacy, which is a gift of a specific item or object.

## How do I write a will?

We strongly recommend you seek appropriate legal advice from a solicitor when writing your will, to ensure it is drafted according to your wishes.

## What information do I need to include?

To make sure we receive your gift you'll need to include our name, address and registered charity number:

Name: Essex Symphony Orchestra

Address: 26A Trinity Road, Chelmsford, Essex, CM2 6HR

Registered charity number: 1000732

## I already have a will, can I update it to include a gift to ESO?

Yes! Your solicitor can help you create a codicil, which is an official alteration to your will. There is no limit on how many codicils you can add to your will.

## Who can leave a gift to ESO in their will?

Anyone can leave a gift to ESO in their will, and you do not have to be wealthy to do so.

Leaving even a small percentage (called a residuary legacy) to us in your will goes a long way. People often find they can afford to be more generous in a will than in their lifetime.

No matter the size of amount, your gift will contribute to our work providing live orchestral music to Essex and make a real difference to securing ESO's future.

## How will my money be used?

If you have a particular project close to your heart, then you are more than welcome to indicate that you wish your gift to be used in that way.

However, we would encourage you to consider leaving a gift which remains unrestricted, so that funds can be directed where they are most needed at the time.

## Do I need to let ESO know that it is included in my will?

It is entirely your choice whether you wish to inform us of any provision made to ESO within your will. We would of course be delighted to hear from you if you have done so, in order to thank you and keep you informed of our plans.

## Who should I speak to for further information?

For more information about remembering ESO in your will, or to let us know that you have left a legacy already, please contact us to arrange a confidential conversation:

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