

Guide to leaving a legacy to Angel Early Music

As a registered charity Angel Early Music has the appropriate status to receive a legacy under the terms of a will and we should be delighted to receive funds in that way to support our future programme of activities.



This guide is designed to highlight matters that you may wish to consider in deciding whether to leave a legacy to Angel Early Music. However, it is not comprehensive and Angel Early Music is not in a position to provide you with advice in respect of these matters.

There are three types of legacy that you might consider leaving to Angel Early Music in your will:

1. a specific sum of money, a “pecuniary legacy”;
2. a specific item, something of value such as an antique or shares, a “specific legacy”; and
3. a share of your estate, known as a “residuary legacy” being a percentage of what remains after all other gifts and expenses have been paid.

It is recommended that you discuss the type of any legacy with your solicitor, who will need our registered address and charity number, which are:

Angel Early Music
Foxtons, 23 The Street
Little Waltham
Chelmsford
Essex
CM3 3NS
Registered Charity Number: 1169496 (England & Wales)

It is not essential to engage a solicitor to write your will: there are other will-writing services and online providers who will require the same information.

There are currently potential tax benefits from leaving charitable legacies. Normally, if your estate is in excess of £325,000 you pay inheritance tax at the rate of 40%. Any gift to a registered charity is deducted from the value of your estate. In addition, if 10% or more of your estate is donated to charities, the rate of inheritance tax is reduced to 36%.

If you do choose to leave a legacy to Angel Early Music, there is no requirement to tell us, although we should welcome the opportunity to say thank you. It is also recommended that you tell your family of your intentions. We promise that we will use any legacy carefully to further our objectives of promoting the understanding and appreciation of early music. We also fully appreciate that circumstances may change and you can update your will at any time.

We hope this guide is helpful and, whilst we cannot offer formal advice, we should be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

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