

A young girl with brown hair in a ponytail, wearing a white t-shirt with colorful floral patterns and a watch, is playing a violin. She is looking down at the instrument. In the background, other students are visible, some holding sheet music. A girl in a green hoodie with 'BURTON' written on it is also playing a violin. The room has a red wall and some decorations.

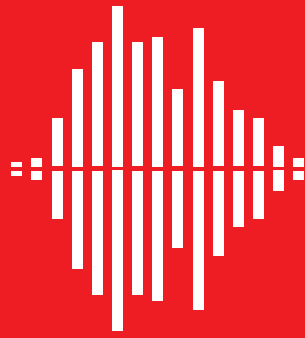
# A Personal Legacy: Enriching Lives Through Music

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**Christchurch  
School of  
Music** *Te Kura Puoro*

[www.csm.org.nz](http://www.csm.org.nz)



## A message from our Music Director

Christchurch School of Music Te Kura Puoro has flourished for 70 years, thanks in part to the generosity of those who came before us – people who believed in supporting the Ōtautahi Christchurch community and the quality of music education that takes place here.

CSM has created an environment where students of all ages and backgrounds can grow, learn, and be inspired. Music education should be accessible to everyone. Our vision for the future of CSM is one of excellence and accessibility, continuing to support and grow a strong, vibrant musical community.

As an educator at heart, watching the students thrive at CSM is special. I've had many a letter from past students saying that the time they spent at CSM has profoundly influenced their lives and stayed with them.

With the support of gifts in wills, we can continue to strengthen our programmes and improve our facilities, ensuring we meet the needs of our community for years to come.

I warmly invite you to consider becoming a bequest donor, to help CSM continue making music education accessible to everyone and enriching future generations.

Ngā mihi nui,

**Celia Stewart MNZM**  
CSM Music Director

## Ways of giving

There are different ways that you can give, for different purposes. Whatever the purpose of your gift, the money will be spent according to the instructions you make.

As your bequest may not be realised for many years, **we recommend that it be designated for general purposes.** This is our preferred option, as it gives CSM the flexibility to address the most pressing needs at the time.

However, if you would like to direct your gift to a specific area of CSM, you may wish to choose from the following:

- **Access & Participation** – Help CSM continue to remove barriers to accessing music education for everyone, regardless of their circumstances.
- Support the pursuit of **Excellence in Performance & Music Education** for students and staff.
- **Building & Building Maintenance Fund** – Contribute to creating the best possible teaching and learning environment for our students by supporting CSM's ongoing facilities development.

If you are considering making a gift in your will for a specific purpose, we recommend you or your legal advisor contact us for a confidential conversation. We can help you outline your request. As a community's needs change over time, we want to make sure we can honour your intentions, and you know you'll be making a difference.

Any information you share with us will be kept strictly confidential, and we respect that you may prefer to remain anonymous. Whatever your choice, we thank you for your support and sincerely appreciate the importance you place on leaving a legacy for future generations.

**You can contact us on 03 366 1711 or [development@csm.org.nz](mailto:development@csm.org.nz)**

# Types of giving

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Different ways you can remember CSM in your will include:



## A percentage of your estate

This ensures that, even if your assets increase or decrease in value, the gift you wish to leave will adjust accordingly.



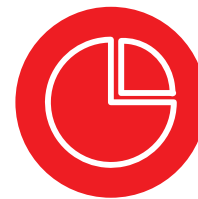
## A monetary gift

The sum you have nominated will pass to CSM.



## A specific gift of another type of asset

Examples are shares, art or property. It is a good idea to share your intentions with us so we can ensure your wishes are properly honoured.



## The residue of your estate

After other gifts in your will have been made to family and friends, some or all of the remainder of your estate passes to CSM.

**A gift of the residue of your estate is one of the most effective types of gifts. It is more flexible than donating a fixed amount which doesn't allow for changes in your estate or inflation. A gift of a percentage of your estate will hold its value better than a gift of a fixed sum of money.**

## Why I'm leaving a gift in my will to CSM...

### Interview with Sally Page

*Volunteer, former President of the CSM Council*

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After spending much of my working career in London, I returned to Christchurch just over a decade ago. The transition back was greatly helped by friends but also by the opportunity to join the CSM community as a volunteer. In particular, supporting the Saturday morning orchestra rehearsals has been so rewarding.

I had always admired what the school was doing, and my involvement with it has made me better understand the huge importance of its work. For example, I've realised that not only are the students experiencing joy in being surrounded by the music, but also so am I! And so are the many teaching staff, parents and other volunteers too. The music brings us together and every week we are all playing our part to make it happen.

As a volunteer and as a council member, I have taken delight in the positive progress I've witnessed in many areas in the life of CSM and I continue to be excited by the possibilities and opportunities available for the school. When recently renewing my will and my bequest to CSM, I felt great comfort in knowing my contribution will help in some way towards the school's future development.

I encourage others to consider leaving a gift in their will to support this wonderful institution. By doing so, you can help ensure that the Christchurch School of Music continues to inspire and educate for years to come.



## Information for your legal advisor

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CSM has charitable status under the Charities Act 2005. Our registration number is CC20378.

If you are considering leaving a gift in your will to CSM, we would like to make the process easy for you with this recommended wording. It is important that your wording clearly expresses your wishes and we suggest if you are creating or updating your will, you consult with your legal advisor.

'I give and bequeath to the **Christchurch School of Music Incorporated (CC20378)** for its general purposes, [insert as applicable]

The sum of \$ ..... OR

..... percentage of my estate OR

The residue of my estate free of all charges OR

*[Insert details of the specific asset you wish to leave],*

AND I declare that the official receipt of the Christchurch School of Music Incorporated shall be accepted as a full and complete discharge to my trustee.'

If you would like your gift to be designated to a specific area or cause, please note this in place of "for its general purposes" above.

## Your will, your wishes

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The preparation of a will brings peace of mind, knowing that your affairs are in order and that the people and causes you care about are provided for as you intend.

Whatever your circumstances, you can help make a difference. You can provide opportunities for students of all ages to develop their musical talents and enrich their lives through music. Your support could transform lives well into the future without affecting your current financial needs.

## Our promise to you

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We will use your gift carefully and cost effectively so that it has the greatest impact.

We will handle whatever gift you leave us efficiently and with sensitivity and respect.

We will honour your wishes and use your gift as directed by you.

## Thank you for considering CSM in your will.

**Do you have any questions about gifts in wills or CSM?  
We'd love to hear from you.**

You can contact us by phone **03 366 1711**  
or email us at **[development@csm.org.nz](mailto:development@csm.org.nz)**

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