

BENSLOWMUSIC  
COURSES AND CONCERTS

# LEAVING A LEGACY



*'There is nowhere else that offers such wonderful musical experiences as Benslow Music in such a welcoming and warm atmosphere.'*

COURSE PARTICIPANT

# Leaving a legacy to Benslow Music Trust

Since 1929, Benslow Music and its forerunner the Rural Music Schools Association have provided incredibly valuable music-making opportunities to so many people from all walks of life, particularly at our site in Hitchin, the gift of Esther Seebohm in 1952. Over the years we have also benefited hugely from the generosity of others, not least in the form of legacies. We are enormously grateful to all who have given so generously towards particular projects and, recently, to our survival. We now want to do all we can to ensure that this heritage will continue far beyond our centenary.

I ask you to consider enabling future generations to benefit from music making here by remembering us through a legacy in your Will. Such a gift costs you nothing within your lifetime but will make a significant difference to Benslow Music in the future.



**Peter Hewitt** - CEO, Benslow Music Trust

# Why leave a gift to Benslow Music Trust

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We understand that leaving a gift in your Will is a highly personal and emotive subject. Benslow Music is a very special place for many people, and we want to continue to be a welcoming, inclusive and unique home for music-making. By remembering us in your Will you can help ensure that future generations will benefit from the enjoyment that courses, concerts and events at Benslow Music have given you.

Once you have provided for your friends and family, we ask you to consider supporting Benslow Music in this way and help secure its future. As a registered charity not in receipt of any government funding, we are extremely grateful for donations of any size.





*'It is wonderful  
to be led to  
achieve more  
than you think  
you can.'*

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## How legacy gifts help

You might have seen changes over the years at Benslow Music, but our values have remained: we are inclusive, welcoming, friendly, supportive and engaging.

We want to remain a significant centre for lifelong music-making, and leaving a gift in your Will can help us to do so.

### Legacy gifts help us to continue:

- Providing enjoying and engaging musical experiences
- Welcoming amateur musicians of all abilities, ages, backgrounds and interests
- Diverse concert programming, with attendees from the local area and beyond
- Developing our extensive library, ensuring it is accessible and well stocked
- Ensuring that the vision set out by Mary Ibberson, Esther Seebohm and their successors is maintained into the future.

# Types of gift

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We are very happy to discuss (in confidence) the type of gift that you may want to leave but are unable to offer any specific financial advice. You might want to consider leaving a:

**Residuary gift** - which is a proportion of your estate, once family and friends have been provided for in your Will.


**Pecuniary or cash gift** - a specified amount of money you want to leave.

**Specific gift** - such as a musical instrument\* or piece of art.

In general terms the value of any charitable donations will be taken off the value of your estate before inheritance tax is applied; if you leave 10% or more of your net estate to a charity such as Benslow Music Trust then the rate of inheritance tax is reduced. As everyone's estate is different and the tax rules change from time to time, you should discuss this with your tax advisor or solicitor.

\*If you would like to donate a musical instrument, you might want to consider bequeathing it specifically to the Benslow Music Instrument Loan Scheme.





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## How to leave a gift

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We recommend that you consult with a solicitor before creating or amending a Will. If you already have a Will in place, you can complete a codicil and place it with your Will. You can also choose to create a letter of wishes. While not legally binding, this document can help your family and friends to understand your desires.

### **Your solicitor will need to know our details:**

Our registered charity number: **313663**

Our registered company limited by guarantee number: **408404**

Our registered office: **Benslow Music  
Benslow Lane  
Hitchin  
Hertfordshire  
SG4 9RB**

# Thanking you


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So that we can thank you during your lifetime, all supporters who tell us of their intention to leave a gift in their Will to Benslow Music will be invited to become a Benslow Benefactor.

Benslow Benefactors will be invited to a special event each year to meet others, hear more about our plans and progress and enjoy the very best of Benslow Music. We would also like to acknowledge you on our website (anonymously if you prefer).

If you have already included Benslow Music in your Will and would like to join the Benslow Benefactors, please contact Sacha.

E: [sacha@benslowmusic.org](mailto:sacha@benslowmusic.org) | T: 07854 634 861



*'Benslow Music is inspiring, liberating, confidence building, fun – and a chance to throw in every bit of performance skill you have.'*

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# Our commitment to you

*'Benslow Music is rewarding, full-on, challenging and fun.'*

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Benslow Music will treat your consideration – and any gift received – with the highest respect.

## We promise that:

- We will not pressure you in any way to leave a legacy to Benslow Music
- Should you choose to inform us of your choice, we will honour you as you wish
- We will follow all required processes as dictated by law and fundraising guidance
- If we receive a legacy gift, we will use it in the most appropriate way
- We will always respect your wishes.

If you would like to speak with someone about leaving a gift to Benslow Music Trust in your Will, please contact Sacha.

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