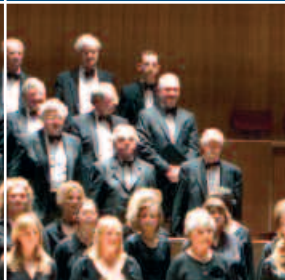
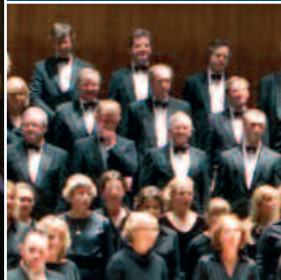
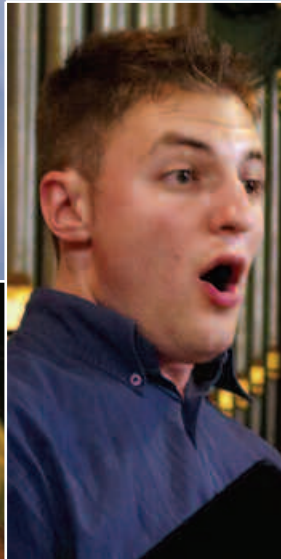


THE BACH CHOIR

Support **The Bach Choir**
with a legacy for our future





Why leave a legacy to The Bach Choir?



We need your help

if the next generation of singers and audience members is to experience The Bach Choir as you have known and loved it.

If you have valued your association with The Bach Choir, whether as a singing member or as part of the audience, you will know how much The Bach Choir has given to you, perhaps over many years, through the magnificence, beauty and emotional power of choral music.

Music is capable of creating great joy. Choral singing also develops a deeply satisfying sense of community and teamwork. But it is becoming ever more difficult to cover, from box office and other income, the cost of performing great music to the highest standards. So we need your help to safeguard the Choir's future and to ensure that the next generation of singers and audience members may experience The Bach Choir as you have known and loved it.

The Bach Choir has been at the heart of the incomparable English choral tradition since its foundation in 1876, continually adapting to changing circumstances, yet always maintaining the highest standards of performance.

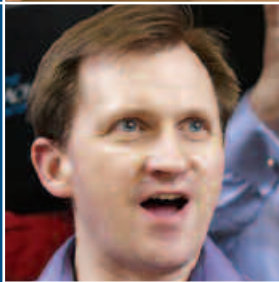
The Choir receives no government funding, and is not dependent on any orchestra. This means that it is the only large choir, of comparable standing in London, which is able to determine its own programmes.

The Choir does accept fee-paying engagements, but it also promotes five or six of its own concerts every year, using the best venues, orchestras and soloists.

“magnificence, beauty, *emotional power*”

The Bach Choir performs familiar works such as Bach's *St Matthew Passion*, given annually in London, as well as new music, including works specially commissioned for The Bach Choir. Independence is the cornerstone of our artistic excellence and integrity, but it comes at a high cost.

Below: The Bach Choir at the Royal Festival Hall



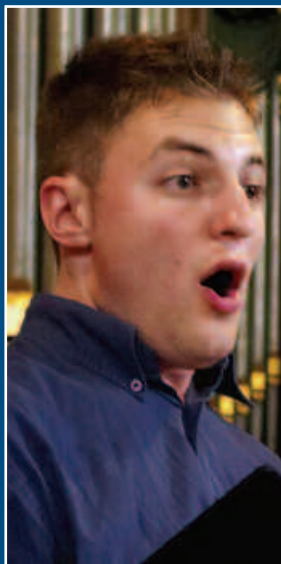
The Bach Choir works hard to attract commercial sponsorship, and is deeply grateful to those companies that have provided generous support.

The subscriptions of singing members cover rehearsal costs and music hire. However, the Choir would benefit enormously from having a substantially larger endowment fund, generating sufficient annual income to enable it to continue to perform the most exciting musical programmes and to safeguard its future.

A steady stream of even quite modest legacies from those who have valued their association with The Bach Choir in the past, and want others to enjoy the same pleasure in the future, could make all the difference.



The choice of legacies



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There are several types of legacy:

Cash

You could leave a specific sum of money to The Bach Choir.

Stocks and shares

A bequest to the Choir could take the form of stocks and shares.

Gifts in kind

The Bach Choir would be delighted to receive gifts of property or other valuable gifts in kind.

Residuary legacies

Under a residuary legacy the Choir could benefit from the whole or a proportion of the residual value of your estate, after all other debts, taxes, charges and other legacies have been met.

Deed of variation

In addition, if someone leaves you an inheritance that you don't need, you could consider transferring all or part of it to The Bach Choir under a Deed of variation.

Tax benefits of a legacy

The Bach Choir is registered as a Charity (no. 258287). As a result it pays no tax on gifts of money or property made either during your lifetime or as a legacy in your will. This tax exemption applies to Inheritance Tax (IHT), which is normally payable on any estate above the tax-free threshold.

You may well find that your estate is subject to IHT, particularly if you own a house or flat. This makes leaving a legacy to The Bach Choir a financially attractive option.



If the value of your estate exceeds the IHT threshold, and you give a sum of money to The Bach Choir, your tax-free sum is increased by that amount. As a result the 'cost' to the residue of your estate (the amount left for distribution to the other beneficiaries of your will) is reduced. **The following table illustrates how this might work.**

Please note that the IHT threshold, as well as the percentage, is subject to change.

Legacy to The Bach Choir	Tax relief (IHT at 40%)	Cost of the legacy to your estate
£10,000	£4,000	£6,000
£50,000	£20,000	£30,000



Preparing your legacy

If you would like to leave a legacy to The Bach Choir in a Will, your best course of action is to arrange this through your own solicitor. If you prefer, the General Manager will be pleased to put you in touch with an experienced solicitor, connected to The Bach Choir, who can offer you professional assistance.

Legal advice may be helpful in deciding which type of legacy is the most appropriate for you, and in preparing the Will or Codicil accurately to reflect your wishes. An initial consultation of up to 30 minutes is offered free. Normal professional fees for any subsequent work would be subject to your agreement.



Adding a Codicil

If you have already made your Will, but would like to leave a legacy to The Bach Choir, you can usually do so by adding a Codicil to your Will. You could visit your own solicitor to arrange this, or contact the General Manager as mentioned above.

Alternatively, and for cash legacies only, you can complete the Codicil form on the following page.

- Please note that this form is to be used for leaving a **cash legacy only**; for any other type of legacy you should seek the advice of a solicitor.
- This form must be signed and witnessed in the same way as your original Will.
- Once complete, the form should be kept with your original Will.



Codicil

I, (name) _____

of (address) _____

_____ Postcode

DECLARE this to be a Codicil to my Will dated: _____ / _____ / _____
 together with any existing Codicils ("the Will") Date of original Will

I DECLARE that the Will shall be construed and take effect as if it contained the following clause:

"I give to **The Bach Choir, London** (registered charity no. 258287) the sum of £ _____ for its general purposes.

I declare that the receipt of the person purporting to be the treasurer or other proper officer to receive monies on behalf of The Bach Choir shall be a good discharge to my personal representatives and they shall not be further liable to see to the application of the gift"

In all other respects I CONFIRM the Will.

IN WITNESS of which I have set my hand to this Codicil on _____ / _____ / 20 _____

Signature of testator: _____

SIGNED by the testator as a Codicil to the Will in our joint presence and then by us in his/her presence and in the presence of each other:

FIRST witness	SECOND witness
Signature	Signature
Print name	Print name
Address	Address



My pledge to The Bach Choir

- I wish to leave a legacy to The Bach Choir in my Will.
- I have already included a legacy to The Bach Choir in my Will.

Estimated value of the legacy in today's terms £

- I am happy for my name to appear in a published list of those who have pledged to support The Bach Choir through a legacy.

Title	<input type="text"/>	First name (or initials)	<input type="text"/>
Surname	<input type="text"/>		
Address	<input type="text"/>		
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Signature	<input type="text"/>	Date	<input type="text"/>

If you have been a singing member of The Bach Choir, please let us know your voice, and the years during which you sang with us.

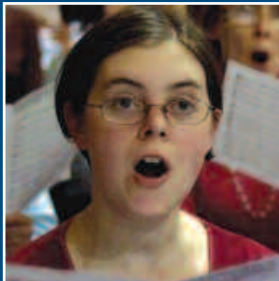
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Please detach and return this form to:

Chris Lean
General Manager
The Bach Choir
33 Upham Park Road
London W4 1PQ

Telephone: 020 8742 3661
email: genman@thebachchoir.org.uk.

Your pledge to our future



Completing the pledge form

does not commit you in any way. It is simply a statement of your present intentions.

If you decide to include a legacy to The Bach Choir in your Will, or if you have already done so, it would be very helpful if you could let us know by returning the pledge form opposite.

The Bach Choir would like to encourage more members and friends to support the Choir in this way. One way of doing this is to publish, from time to time, a list of legacies received or pledged. If you make a pledge, and agree to its inclusion in the list by ticking the box on the form, the only information published will be your name and, if appropriate, your voice and the years you sang with the Choir. Please be assured that we will not include your name in any published lists unless you give us permission to do so.

On receiving your pledge, a representative of The Bach Choir will contact you to make sure that your wishes are clearly understood and to provide any further information you would like.

All correspondence and discussion will be treated in the strictest confidence.





A dedication from the Choir



The Bach Choir aims to inspire singers and audiences with the magnificence, beauty and emotional power of choral music through performances and recordings.

The Bach Choir is very grateful for all legacies, and is happy to recognise your generosity, if you wish, in the following ways:

Dedication of a concert in your memory

For gifts in excess of **£10,000**, The Bach Choir will be pleased to dedicate a concert in your memory, to be chosen from among the concerts scheduled for performance during the next full season after your death. Up to 20 top price tickets will be made available free of charge to your family and friends.

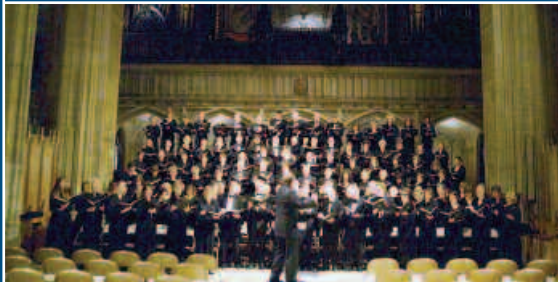
... or a whole season of concerts

For gifts in excess of **£50,000**, The Bach Choir will be pleased to attach your name to the concert programme for the whole of the next full season.

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**Is there a particular
work you would like
The Bach Choir to sing?**

Where a gift is in excess of **£10,000**, we can usually accommodate requests to associate your name with a specific work.



David Hill Musical Director
of The Bach Choir

However, such requests are subject to the absolute discretion of the Musical Director, whose approval must be obtained in advance, and on the understanding that it may be up to five years before an appropriate concert opportunity can be found.

The General Manager keeps a list of works for which sponsorship would be particularly welcome. Personal dedications are not considered appropriate for the Choir's annual performance of the *St Matthew Passion*.

Thank you.

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For more than 130 years
The Bach Choir has been
a beacon of excellence
in the performance of
the choral repertoire.

Thank you.

Your legacy will help
to sustain the Choir for
the delight of future
generations of singers
and concert-goers.

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