



Your Legacy Echoes On

Music can name the
unnameable and communicate
the unknowable.

Leonard Bernstein

Kia ora, you make a positive difference

Music brings people together. It creates moments to reflect, remember and rejoice. It builds community, memories and well-being.

Sharing the beauty and power of music with all New Zealanders is at the heart of everything we do.

A bequest to the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra Foundation ensures we can continue to invite people of all backgrounds to experience the magic of live symphonic music for generations to come.

Since our first concert in 1947, the NZSO has championed Aotearoa New Zealand composers, supported local artists, and built an international

reputation for excellence across classical, contemporary and commissioned works.

Our musicians and educators inspire people of all ages, and our national touring programme brings unforgettable musical experiences to communities across the country.

Thank you for considering a lasting gift to the future of music in Aotearoa.



NZSO in concert at the Michael Fowler Centre conducted by Gemma New. Photo: Latitude Creative



A gift is your legacy

As a Crown Entity, the NZSO receives government funding – but it's the support of people like you that enables us to do more.

Ticket sales and private donations help us expand our concerts, tour the country, engage international artists, and deliver transformative music-education to young New Zealanders.

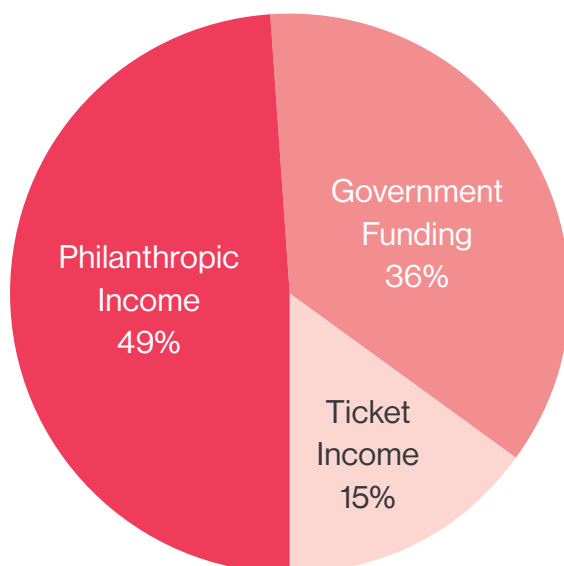
Personal philanthropy and bequests in particular are a critically important part of the NZSO's success. Charitable gifts work in partnership with traditional sources of revenue like government funding,

ticket sales, and corporate sponsorship, helping the NZSO meet the rising costs of operating a world-class orchestra. Now more than ever, your gift is critical to ensuring that the NZSO remains a leader in our nation's cultural life.

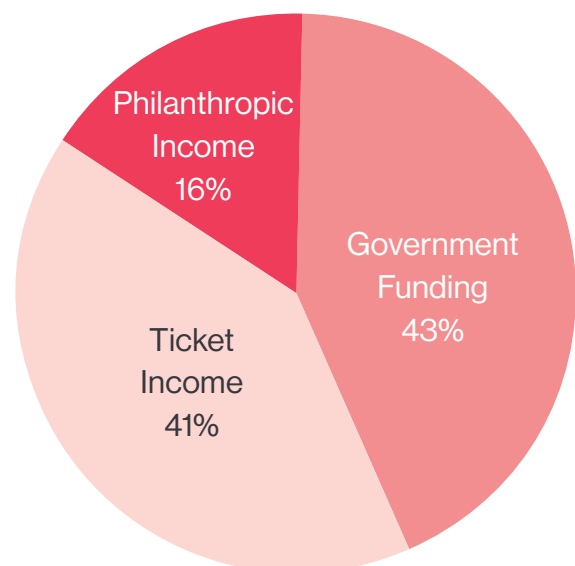
A gift in your will is a powerful way to continue that legacy. It ensures the NZSO continues as a national treasure and enriches lives for generations to come.

Bequests of any size help secure our future. By joining the Encore Programme, you'll play a vital role in keeping symphonic music alive and thriving in Aotearoa.

Nationwide Education Programmes



Concerts and Touring



Data from 2025

The NZSO Foundation

Careful stewardship, our promise to you

The NZSO Foundation is a charitable trust, founded in 1996 to support the long-term financial security, stability and development of the orchestra.

Managed by an independent Board of Trustees, the Foundation ensures all endowment funds are carefully stewarded. Through strong governance, your legacy will directly support the long-term sustainability and success of the NZSO nationwide.

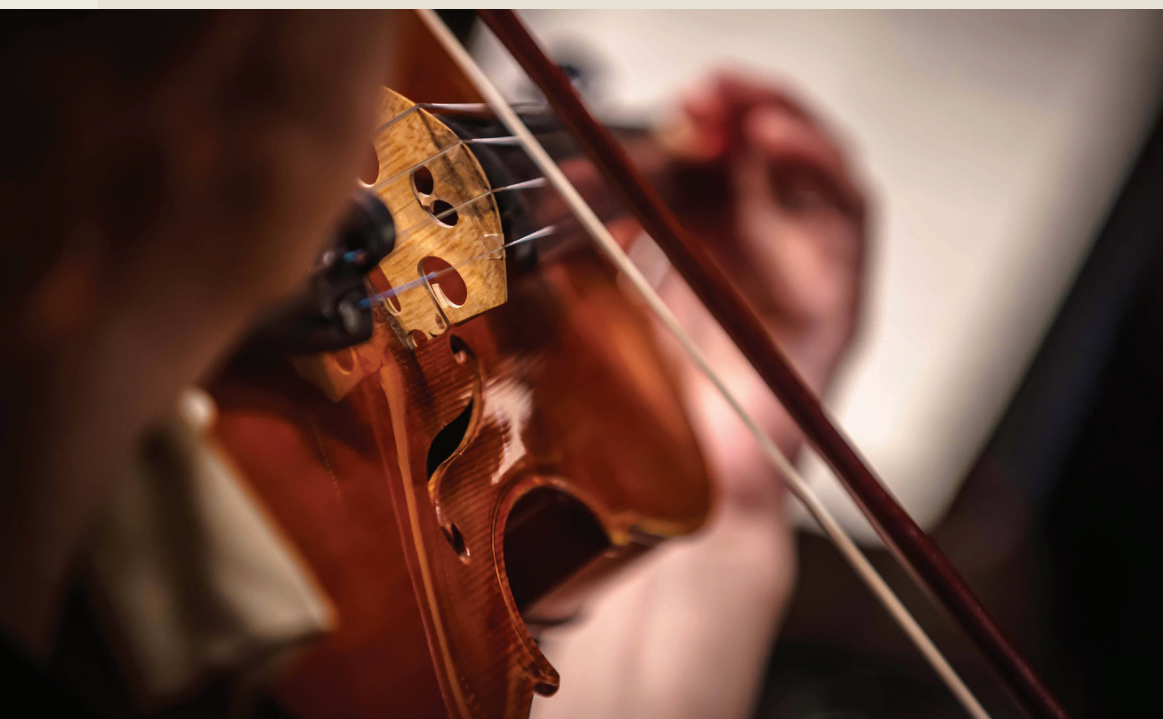
Vincent Aspey played a formative role in shaping the artistic legacy of the NZSO as concertmaster (1946–1967), and it is in honour of his enduring commitment to the national orchestra that the

NZSO Foundation's bequest programme was originally established.

The Foundation supports the growth and excellence of the NZSO by:

- Supporting youth and music education programmes.
- Attracting musicians, conductors and soloists of the highest calibre to Aotearoa New Zealand.
- Championing world-class performances and artistic collaborations nationwide.

These goals remain at the heart of our mission and we're committed to carrying them forward for generations to come.





Our Chair Sponsors are among our closest friends and ambassadors.
Gillian Clark sponsors NZSO Associate Principal Flute Kirstin Eade. Photo: Phoebe Tuxford

The NZSO Foundation, guided by expert advisors and Trustees, can help you shape a gift that supports future generations of music lovers and musicians – while also aligning with your personal and family wishes.



The NZSO National Youth Orchestra inspires the next generation of musicians every season. Photo: Latitude Creative

Join the NZSO's Bequest Programme

How your gift helps

By leaving a gift in your will, you become part of an exclusive group of donors who share a vision for a thriving future for the NZSO. A bequest allows you to make a meaningful contribution, without affecting your finances during your lifetime.

Your gift strengthens the NZSO Foundation's ability to support initiatives that sustain the orchestra and grow its audiences. Every bequest, large or small, supports the NZSO across key areas such as:

Artistic Excellence

- Creating powerful, memorable performances by attracting world-class conductors and soloists.
- Championing New Zealand's symphonic voice through new commissions.
- Providing performance opportunities for Aotearoa's most talented artists.
- Supporting the recruitment, growth and retention of exceptional NZSO musicians.

Nurturing Talent

- Sustaining the next generation of New Zealand musicians and composers through youth orchestras, masterclasses, fellowships and professional development programmes that nurture emerging talent nationwide.

Social Impact

- Expanding access to orchestral music through inspiring, inclusive programmes.
- Reaching diverse communities nationwide via education, in-school visits, and free or low-cost events.

Capital Projects

- Supporting the orchestra's future through investment in instruments, touring equipment, recording studio and essential upgrades to the NZSO's home at the Wellington Town Hall.

Please reach out to us if you have any questions or if you would like to talk to one of the NZSO Foundation Trustees.

Email: philanthropy@nzso.co.nz

Phone: 0800 479 674 extn 2



Family and community projects produced in partnership with Te Papa. Photo: Jo Moore



A proud Laurence Reese, NZSO Section Principal Timpani with a new set of timpani of the highest quality funded by the NZSO Foundation. Photo: Phoebe Tuxford



Engagement with the broader NZSO Community

When you pledge a gift in your will to the NZSO Foundation, we will welcome you into our Encore Programme as a member of an exceptional group of like-minded NZSO champions.

Being a member of this group means that we can say thank you during your lifetime and celebrate our mutual love of music together.

You will receive invitations to VIP concert hostings and special events and receive regular updates on the NZSO's touring activity and our mahi in the education and community engagement space.

Please reach out to us if you have any questions or if you would like to talk to one of the NZSO Foundation Trustees about any form of assistance that you are able to give to the NZSO Foundation. A member of our team would be happy to help or put you in touch.



James Judd, Conductor and Music Director Emeritus with NZSO supporters. Photo: Latitude Creative



Making a Bequest

Leaving a gift to the NZSO Foundation in your will is a meaningful decision, one that should be made with care and in consultation with your loved ones and legal advisor.

Bequests can simply be stated in your will, a Codicil, Memorandum of Wishes, or a Trust Amendment.

Should you wish to leave a bequest to support a specific area of the NZSO's work, please contact a member of the NZSO Development team to discuss. By learning what is important to you, we can suggest ways your gift can help the NZSO fulfil its mission.

Types of Gifts:

Pecuniary Bequest

A fixed sum or percentage of your estate. Even 1% can make a profound impact on the future of music in New Zealand.

Residuary Bequest

The remaining portion of your estate, after your loved ones and commitments are taken care of.

Specified Bequest

A specific item, such as shares, stocks, or a high-value instrument or artwork.

Gifts in Memory

Honour a loved one by making a donation to the NZSO Foundation in their memory.

Donations in Lieu

Request donations to the NZSO Foundation in lieu of flowers at a funeral. Tax-deductible receipts will be issued for all such gifts and acknowledged according to our donation programme levels.

Endowment Fund Support

You can also choose to invest your major gift in the Foundation Endowment Fund during your lifetime. These gifts are eligible for a 33% tax rebate and can be structured to support the growth of the Endowment Fund, or to support an NZSO programme of your choice.

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Legacy Pledge Form & Your Recognition

If you would like to make a gift to the NZSO Foundation in your will, please complete and return this form to us.

We would be proud to acknowledge your generous pledge in our list of notified legacies if you wish, or you can choose to remain anonymous.

Please ask your solicitor to include the following wording in your will:

I give:

_____ % of my estate OR

the rest and residue of my estate OR

the sum of \$_____ (fixed amount)

to The New Zealand Symphony Orchestra Foundation (CC24274) for general purposes, for which the receipt of an authorised officer of the Foundation shall be a full and sufficient discharge to my trustees.

Important Information:

The NZSO Foundation is registered with the NZ Charities Commission, CC 24274.

Bank Account Name:

The New Zealand Symphony Orchestra Foundation

Bank Account Number:

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Legacy Pledge Form

First Name _____ Surname _____
Address _____
Suburb _____ City _____
Postcode _____ Home Phone _____
Email _____
Mobile _____

- ☐ I have left a gift to the NZSO Foundation in my will.
- ☐ I intend to leave a gift to the NZSO Foundation in my will and would like to receive further information.

If you have already included a gift to the NZSO Foundation in your will, please let us know whether you would like to be recognised and acknowledged in our list of notified legacies. We appreciate that making a will is a very personal matter and we will always respect your privacy.

- ☐ Yes, I am happy for my name to be included in a list of notified legacies (Encore Circle).
- ☐ No, I would like to keep this confidential.

Please let us know whether there are any other details that you would be happy for us to request:

- ☐ A copy of my will.
- ☐ The name of my solicitor, trust company or legal advisor.
- ☐ The approximate value or type of gift I have left to the NZSO Foundation.
- ☐ Name of executor and/or next of kin.

Please return this form by post or email to the NZSO Foundation.
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