

# Building a Legacy for the Arts in Oxfordshire

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# Oxford Playhouse – A Theatre for Everyone

Bringing the Arts to people and communities for over 80 years

The Oxford Playhouse has inspired and entertained audiences for over 80 years, presenting a diverse programme of drama, comedy, dance and music for audiences of all ages and backgrounds. Through projects and workshops, we also bring the joy of theatre to schools and community groups who might otherwise struggle to engage in the cultural life of the county.

- Every year thousands of school children participate in our **Young Company** and **Primary Playmaker Programmes**, which teach confidence and encourage literacy.
- Our **Evolve Artist Programme** mentors young aspiring directors, playwrights, actors and producers, offering creative advice and answers to questions about funding, marketing, programming, artist development and more.
- And many other **creative and life-inspiring programmes** that you can support through a gift in your Will!

**‘We can revolutionise the whole economy by being more creative.’**  
**Sir Nicholas Serota, Chair of Arts Council England**

## There are many areas that your gift can support:

- **General Donation** – A general donation gives us the freedom to direct your gift to where it is most needed.
- **Offstage Fund** – Helps us work with schools across Oxfordshire, deliver projects with vulnerable or disadvantaged communities and support the careers of emerging young artists.
- **Onstage Fund** – Helps us to create, present and tour the very best theatre in Oxfordshire and beyond, to main the Playhouse itself and to keep tickets affordable.

## Letting us know of your intentions

It is very helpful for us to know that you have made us a beneficiary in your Will. If you are happy to tell us, we would be delighted to hear that you are supporting our future work. Anything you say will be treated in strictest confidence and understood as a statement of your intentions at the current time – it does not place you under any obligation.

Please fill in our ‘Letting Us Know Of Your Intentions’ form attached to this brochure or contact the Development Director at [shona.nicholson@oxfordplayhouse.com](mailto:shona.nicholson@oxfordplayhouse.com)

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## How to Leave a Legacy to the Oxford Playhouse

Arranging to leave a legacy to the Oxford Playhouse gives you the satisfaction of supporting its immense and wide-ranging contribution to the Arts. The Playhouse's charitable status may also offer you the opportunity to reduce the tax due on your estate. These benefits vary internationally, and your financial advisor is best placed to advise you.

Listed below you will find the most common types of legacy where you can support the Playhouse as a whole or some aspect of our work with which you have the greatest affinity.

### A residuary gift

This is the gift of all or part of the value of your estate, after debts, other legacies and liabilities have been met. This has the advantage of automatically keeping up with inflation. The suggested wording for a residuary gift is:

"I give all (or specify a %) of the residue of my estate to The Oxford Playhouse Trust (registered Charity No. 900039) of Beaumont Street, Oxford OX1 2LW for its general charitable purposes. I further direct that the receipt of the Chief Executive, or other duly appointed officer for the time being of the said charity, shall be sufficient discharge for my Executors or Trustee."

### A monetary legacy

You can also choose to leave a sum of money, also known as a pecuniary gift, which you can arrange to be increased in line with inflation. The suggested wording for this form of legacy is:

"I give the sum of .... pounds (or a description of a specific asset) to The Oxford Playhouse Trust (registered Charity No. 900039) of Beaumont Street, Oxford OX1 2LW for its general charitable purposes. I further direct that the receipt of the Chief Executive, or other duly appointed officer for the time being of the said charity, shall be sufficient discharge for my Executors or Trustee."

### A specific legacy or gift in kind

This is the gift of something valuable like a property, a piece of jewellery or stocks and shares. The form of wording is the same as a pecuniary gift, except that the gift is specified instead of a cash sum. It would be very helpful if you could let us know if you would like to leave any specific items to the Oxford Playhouse so that we can ensure that we are able to accept the items and will be able to use them as you wish.

### A reversionary legacy

This gift has the advantage of providing for your family first and then benefiting the theatre. So when the original beneficiary dies, the gift in your will reverts to The Oxford Playhouse Trust. Your solicitor or legal advisor will be able to provide you with wording for this form of legacy.

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The details of your will are naturally a private matter and, understandably, you may prefer to keep your intentions to yourself. However, if you wish, you can use this form to let us know whether you propose to leave a legacy to the Oxford Playhouse.

Returning this form does not commit you or us in any way. It simply includes us in your current plans and allows us to celebrate your generosity during your lifetime. Your reply will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.

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At present, I am intending to include a legacy to the Oxford Playhouse in my will.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I would like my legacy to support:

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- ☐ It would be helpful to talk about my plans with a member of the Development Office. Please call me on the following telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to give us an idea of the approximate value of your intended legacy, please use the space here: £ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

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