

## Hallé Gifts in Wills

### Frequently Asked Questions:

#### **I don't have a will yet – how do I make one?**

- Consult your bank or appoint a solicitor to draw up your will for you
- Work out what you own and how much it is worth; including your house, possessions, insurance policies and any shares or investments
- Decide who you want to benefit from your will
- Choose as executors between one and four people from your family, close friends or professional advisers
- Make sure that your will is kept securely and that your executors know where to find it
- If you choose to draw up a will yourself or use one of the forms available from stationers, your will must be signed by two independent witnesses present at the same time, who are not beneficiaries

#### **I've noticed that my regular donation supports the Charles Hallé Foundation, can I leave a gift to this charity?**

Yes you can. The Charles Hallé Foundation supports the education programme, Youth Ensembles, recordings and foreign tours made by the Orchestra.

#### **What is the difference between the Hallé's various charities?**

The Hallé has three separate charities:

- The Hallé Concerts Society maintains and supports the day to day work of the Orchestra and family of ensembles
- The Charles Hallé Foundation is a specific fund that supports the 'off the platform' work of the Halle: the education & community programme; recordings; tours; the development of the Youth Ensembles
- The Hallé Endowment Trust is a capital fund that provides an income each year to the Hallé Concerts Society. Sums left to this Trust are kept in perpetuity to provide this income – the capital cannot be spent

### **What happens if I don't make a will?**

- If you die without making a will (intestate) this could mean that you lose control over your estate and it may not go where you would have wished. Your choice is taken away and Government legislation could decide what should happen to your money and property
- By making a will, you decide which people and organisations you would like to benefit and you ensure that your money will be used exactly as you would wish

### **What about inheritance tax?**

If your estate is liable for inheritance tax the any charitable gifts in your will are exempt from tax and reduce the total tax payable on your estate.

### **Do I need to tell the Hallé I'm planning to leave them a gift?**

No, we fully understand that it is a private matter. However, if you wish to inform us we can discuss whether you would like us to keep in touch with you – for example by sending you copies of the Hallé newsletter, and by inviting you to the Vera Clegg Memorial Concerts each year

### **Where will my money go?**

It will depend which of the Hallé's charities you leave it to, but it will support

- The Orchestra
- The Choir
- The Youth Orchestra
- The Youth Choir
- The Children's Choir
- The Education programme

### **I'd like a memorial plaque somewhere, is this possible?**

It is not possible to have a memorial in The Bridgewater Hall. We do record the names of all those from who we have received gifts in wills in the concert programme for the annual Vera Clegg Memorial Concert. It is also possible to make other in memoriam gifts

### **In Memoriam gifts**

A donation to the Hallé is a wonderful way to remember and honour a member of your family or a friend who loved music. In memory donations make a valuable contribution to the ongoing work of the Hallé and can be a fitting tribute to a loved one.