

# REMEMBERING NORTHERN BALLET IN YOUR WILL

Remembering Northern Ballet in your Will is a very special way to support the future of dance for years to come. Such gifts enable us to create new productions, revive old favourites and train the next generation of exceptional dancers. After you have provided for your loved ones, you can help ensure that our audiences continue to share the same high-quality experiences that you have enjoyed.

# FAQ'S

# Why should I make a Will?

A Will is the best way to ensure that your property and possessions are distributed according to your particular wishes after your death.

Without a Will, the law could dictate how your estate is shared, which might not be as you intended.

## How can I remember Northern Ballet in my Will?

After providing for your loved ones, there are two types of gifts you could consider leaving to Northern Ballet:

- A **Residuary Gift**, which is all or a specified percentage of your estate.
- A Pecuniary or Cash Gift, which is a fixed amount of money.

To reach a decision that suits you, we recommend seeking legal advice. When drafting your Will, please remember to include our full name, address and registered charity number:

Northern Ballet 2 St Cecilia Street Quarry Hill Leeds LS2 7PA Registered charity no. 259140

You can also consider leaving a letter of wishes along with your Will explaining why you wish to support Northern Ballet.



### I already have a Will, how can I update it?

If you would like to update your Will to reflect your current outlook, your solicitor can help you create a Codicil. This acts as an addendum which lists minor changes or extra gifts to your original Will.

# Are there any tax benefits to leaving a gift to Northern Ballet?

Yes. Gifts to charity are free of inheritance tax so you do not have to pay tax on any gifts to us. Furthermore if you leave 10% or more of your estate to charity, the inheritance tax rate for your estate reduces from 40% to 36%. Gifts to charity can therefore benefit both your loved ones and the causes you support.

For further information, please visit: www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax

# I'm not wealthy; can I still make a gift to Northern Ballet?

A gift of any size can make a vital difference to our work.

### How will my gift be used?

You're more than welcome to state how you wish your gift to be used. However we recommend that gifts remain unrestricted so that funds can be directed wherever the need is greatest at the time.

# <u>Do I need to let Northern Ballet know that it is included in my Will?</u>

We understand that your Will is a private document, but we would be delighted to hear from you; to thank you personally and keep you updated with our work.

## Who should I speak to for further information?

For more information about remembering Northern Ballet in your Will, please contact Jennifer Young to arrange a confidential conversation on 0113 220 8000, or email jennifer.young@northernballet.com.

## Sample bequests

Should you decide to leave a gift in your Will to Northern Ballet, you may find the sample wording below helpful.

#### Residual

I bequeath to Northern Ballet Ltd, of 2 St. Cecilia Street, Quarry Hill, Leeds, LS2 7PA (Registered Charity No. 259140), the whole / \_\_\_\_% of my estate not otherwise disposed of by this my Will for the general purposes of the Company and I declare that the receipt of their Treasurer or other authorised official shall be a full and sufficient discharge of the bequest.

## **Pecuniary**

I bequeath to Northern Ballet Ltd, of 2 St. Cecilia Street, Quarry Hill, Leeds, LS2 7PA (Registered Charity No. 259140), the sum of £\_\_\_\_\_ free from tax and duty for the general purposes of the Company and I declare that the receipt of their Treasurer or other authorised official shall be a full and sufficient discharge of the bequest.

Please note that this document is intended to provide general information about leaving a gift in your Will and is not intended to give you detailed legal or financial advice. We recommend that you seek professional legal advice when writing or updating your Will.

## Let us know your intentions

You do not need to let us know your intentions, but if you would like to, we would be delighted to hear from you so that we can thank you and keep you updated with our work.

All communications will be treated in the strictest confidence and without obligation on your part.

Full name:
Address:
Postcode: Telephone:
Email:
I have included Northern Ballet in my Will.
I intend to include Northern Ballet in my Will.
Lam considering leaving a gift in my Will to Northern Ballet and would like you to contact me to discuss this

## Thank you for remembering Northern Ballet.

Please return to: Jennifer Young, Director of Development, Northern Ballet, 2 St. Cecilia Street, Quarry Hill, Leeds, LS2 7PA

Or contact Jennifer Young, Director of Development, at jennifer.young@northernballet.com or by calling 0113 220 8000.