

A woman with her hair styled in an updo, wearing a black sequined dress, is seen from the back, playing a piano on a stage. The background is dark with some blurred lights.

Help
Musicians

Let the soundtrack
to your life live on

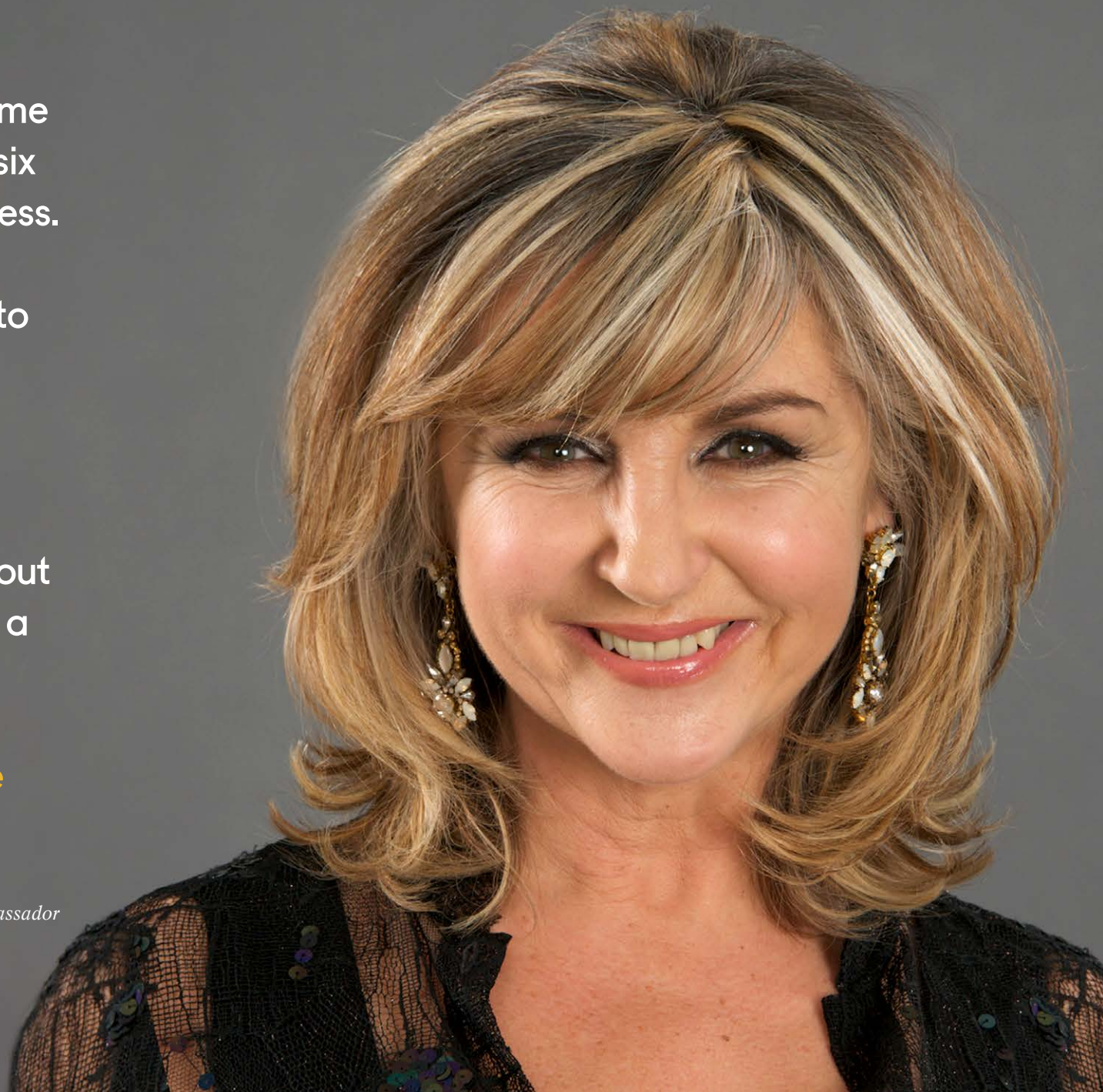
*Help Musicians and leave a
gift in your will*

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Help Musicians supported me early in my career through six months of really serious illness. Very gradually with their help I fought my way back to good health and I've never forgotten that.

I simply wouldn't have the career I'm enjoying now without them. Help Musicians does a fantastic job for thousands of musicians every year. **If you love music, then please consider them in your will.**

- Lesley Garrett CBE | Soprano & Help Musicians Ambassador





Love music: Help Musicians

Music is the soundtrack to our lives. We can all think of pieces of music that matter to us and hold a special meaning. From first love to personal loss, music is there for us in times of celebration and sadness, enriching the highs and softening the lows. It evokes powerful memories, connects us with others, and brings alive our life experiences as we share them with family and friends.

The ability to touch souls and affect lives through music is a gift possessed by extraordinary people and is result of a life of dedication to their craft. For over 100 years, Help Musicians has been there to support the musicians who enhance your precious moments and significant memories.

Leaving a gift in your will to Help Musicians is a wonderful way to ensure your passion for music lives on, taking care of musicians in times of crisis and opportunity and providing support for the next generation of inspiring musical talent.

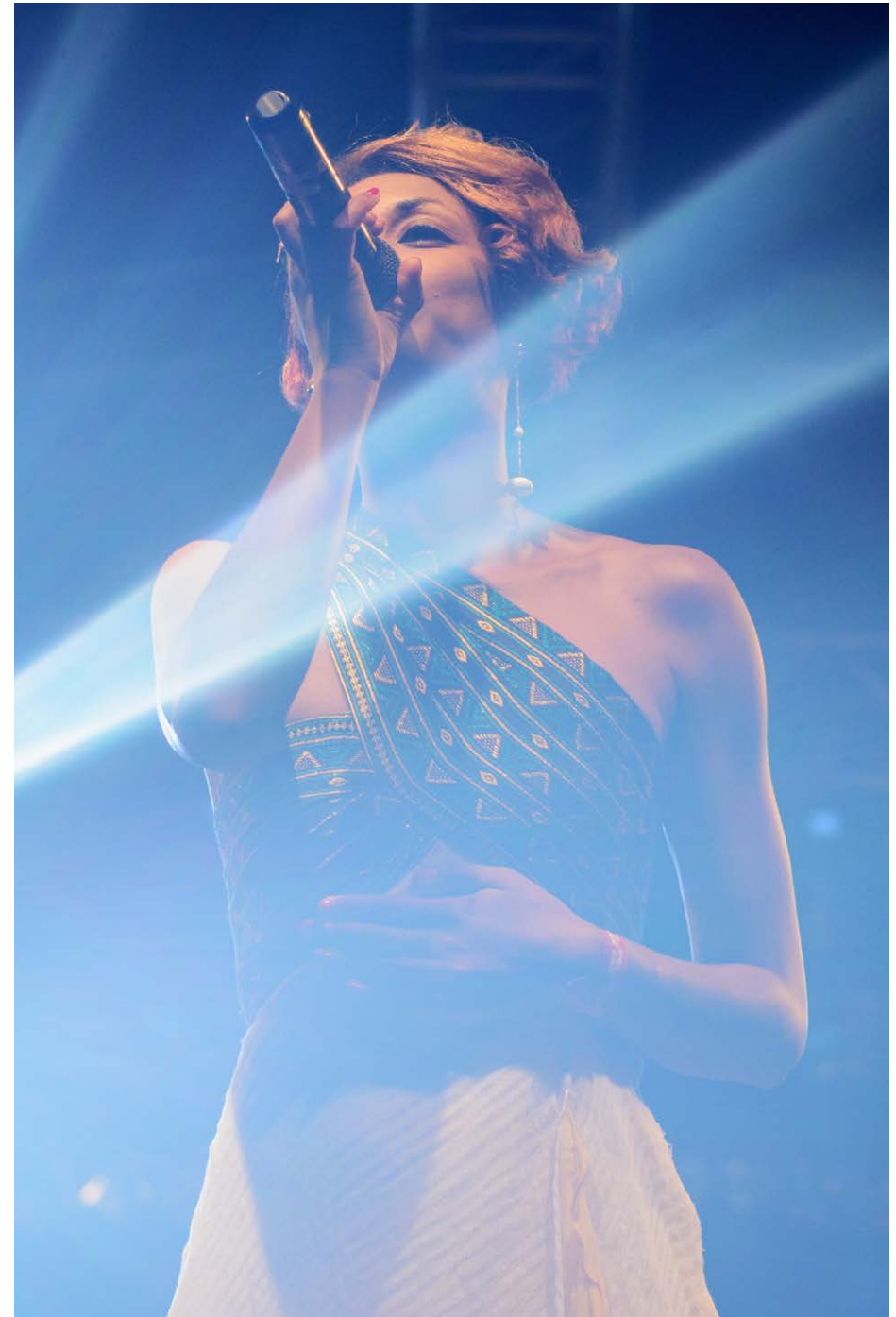
About us

Help Musicians: supporting musicians in times of crisis and opportunity for over 100 years.

Help Musicians is a charity that loves music. For over 100 years, we have been working hard to make a meaningful difference to the lives of musicians across the UK. We want to create a world where musicians thrive.

We offer a broad range of help to support music creators in times of crisis and opportunity - ensuring musicians across the UK can achieve their creative potential and sustain a career in music.

Help Musicians would not have been able to celebrate its centenary in 2021 without the generosity of donors who had chosen to support musicians beyond their lifetime. When the pandemic hit in 2020, we were able to react quickly and decisively, supporting many thousands of musicians whose livelihood disappeared overnight. This was only possible because of the vital and generous support from legacy donors.





How do I leave a gift in my will?

We recognise that many people have demands on their finances which prevent them from making a gift to charities in their lifetime. Legacy gifts can be your lasting tribute to those causes that are important to you. Having an up-to-date will is vital to make sure that your family and friends, and any charities you wish to support, are provided for in the way you want.

If you have already made a will, it is a good idea to review it from time to time to ensure it reflects any changes in your personal circumstances, like marriage or the birth of children or grandchildren. It is also important to check if your estate is affected by any changes to inheritance tax legislation. If you want to make a change to your existing will, your solicitor can help prepare a document known as a codicil.

If you haven't made your will yet, it's never too soon to think about it. We recommend that you consult a solicitor when writing or amending your will to ensure it reflects your intentions and is legally valid – it doesn't have to be expensive but it's worth the money to ensure it's done correctly.

Let the soundtrack to your life live on

If you would like to remember Help Musicians in your will, our team would be happy to talk to you about how your gift could benefit the next generation of musicians. All enquiries will be treated confidentially.

Writing your will is an important exercise, as is the decision about who will benefit from it. Please do consult your solicitor beforehand.

What can I leave?

Any gift to Help Musicians, no matter how small, can make a very real difference to musicians in need. There are a few ways you can consider leaving a gift in your will such as leaving a share of your estate, a fixed sum of money, or specific items as the proceeds from their sale will help our work enormously.

There are three main types of legacies: **residuary, pecuniary, and specific.**

A residuary legacy is a gift of the entire estate or a percentage of the estate, after all other gifts have been distributed and all debts and expenses have been paid. The proportionate value of the gift remains in proportion to your estate, immune from the effects of inflation. Any share will make a tremendous difference to our work.

A pecuniary legacy is a fixed sum of money. When making this type of gift it is possible to index link your gift to ensure the intended value is secure.

A specific legacy of an item such as property or shares.

Royalties

If you receive royalty payments, you may consider gifting these to Help Musicians in your will. By leaving your royalties as a legacy, you are making an ongoing investment in the future of music, supporting musicians for many years to come.





How to make your gift

Leaving a legacy to Help Musicians in your will is a straightforward process. When you are making a bequest, please provide your solicitor with the details below:

Charity Name: Help Musicians (the working name of the Musicians Benevolent Fund)


Charity Number: 228089

Address: Help Musicians, 7-11 Britannia Street, London WC1X 9JS

What about tax?

Help Musicians is a registered UK charity (No. 228089) and any gifts to it are currently exempt from UK Inheritance Tax and Capital Gains Tax.

If you would like to have a confidential discussion about leaving a legacy to Help Musicians, please get in touch:

 **020 7239 9142**

 **legacy@helpmusicians.org.uk**

 **helpmusicians.org.uk/support**

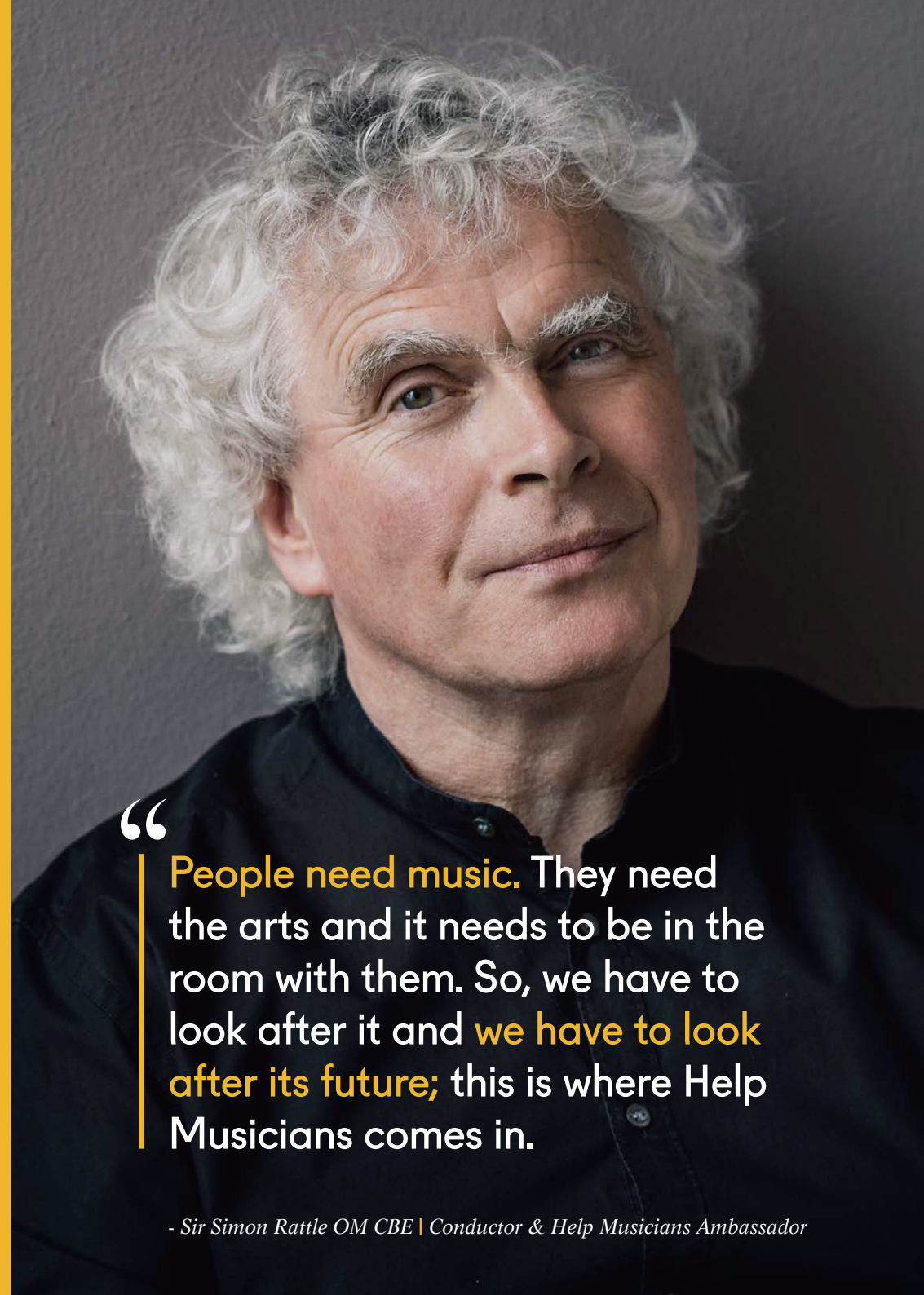
This guide provides general information and does not constitute legal or financial advice. For expert and personal advice, please always consult a qualified professional.

Thank you

A gift in your will could be the most important gift you ever make. It is your chance to make a meaningful investment in the future of musicians and let your love of music and the soundtrack to your life live on.

If you choose to leave a gift to Help Musicians in your will, we would love to say thank you and keep you involved with our plans and invite you to events – so please do let us know by giving us a call on **020 7239 9142** or emailing [**legacy@helpmusicians.org.uk**](mailto:legacy@helpmusicians.org.uk).

However, we understand that leaving a legacy is a very private matter and if you wish to remain anonymous, we respect your decision. Thank you very much for leaving us a gift.



“**People need music.** They need the arts and it needs to be in the room with them. So, we have to look after it and **we have to look after its future;** this is where Help Musicians comes in.”

- Sir Simon Rattle OM CBE | Conductor & Help Musicians Ambassador

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Patron: The Late HM Queen Elizabeth

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