



## *Back to the Future:* **Leave a Legacy to Early Music Seattle**

As you consider the role that Early Music Seattle has played in the community over the last 43 years and how it has affected your life, we invite you to make a transformational gift by incorporating Early Music Seattle into your estate plan. Your gift will build a community of young people, audience members, and performers whose lives are changed by early music.

### **BEQUESTS**

A bequest made through your will or living trust, allows you to direct how your assets will be distributed to your family, friends, and charities. Through a bequest, you have the ability to make a gift to Early Music Seattle in the future while preserving your assets during your lifetime. Bequests to Early Music Seattle can take a variety of forms and if your life circumstances change, you have the flexibility to adjust your gift through a simple amendment. In addition, you may receive valuable estate tax savings.

### **Retirement Plan Assets:**

A gift that does not require you to change your will is to designate Early Music Seattle as a beneficiary of your retirement plan assets through your account beneficiary designation form. Naming Early Music Seattle as a beneficiary of your retirement plan has the added advantage of being among the most tax-wise ways to make an estate gift. Please note that the IRA charitable gift opportunity has been made permanent; to learn more about how you can make a charitable gift directly from your IRA to Early Music Seattle, call Karin Brookes, who can also give you sample transfer and notification letters.

### **Life Insurance Policies:**

Did you know that you can use a life insurance policy to support your interests? You can designate Early Music Seattle as the sole beneficiary or in combination with family members as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy. Alternatively, you can transfer ownership of a paid-up policy to Early Music Seattle during your lifetime, and receive an income tax charitable deduction.

### **Financial Accounts:**

You can also name us on your savings, checking, money market, investment accounts or commercial annuities by completing a form with your bank or the originating institution stating that the funds are to be distributed to Early Music Seattle upon your passing.

Almost all assets, including cash, securities, real estate, and tangible personal property, may be transferred to Early Music Seattle through your estate. If you have named Early Music Seattle in your estate plan, we ask that you please contact us so that we may know your wishes and recognize your generosity.

To learn more about gifts through your estate or to request sample bequest language, please call **Ann Stickney**, Operations Director at **(206) 325-7066** or send an email to **[ann@earlymusicseattle.org](mailto:ann@earlymusicseattle.org)**.