

And the beat goes on

Leave a gift in your will and help secure the future for the creators behind the soundtrack to our lives.





A gift in your will can help the PRS Members' Fund continue supporting songwriters and composers when they need it most. In the pages that follow, you'll see the difference a legacy gift can make, the kinds of support it can fund, and the simple steps you can take if you would like to remember the Fund in your will.



At the PRS Members' Fund, we believe in the power of music. It shapes our lives, connects us through life's defining moments, and provides the soundtrack to so many of our memories.

For more than 90 years, the PRS Members' Fund has been there for PRS members and their families during times of hardship.

Thanks to the generosity of music lovers like you, we can provide practical, tailored support to songwriters and composers. From financial aid and housing assistance to health and wellbeing support, your support enables music creators to regain stability and return to doing what they do best, making music.

Leaving a gift in your will is one of the many ways you can support the Fund. Whether you're a music creator or a music lover, your legacy can help build a lasting safety net for PRS members and their families, keeping music alive far into the future.







The impact of a gift in your will

A gift in your will to the PRS Members' Fund can be life-changing for the people we support.

Once you have made provision for your loved ones, a gift in your will can be the perfect way to have a lasting effect, without impacting your current financial needs. We are immensely grateful for every gift we receive, whether it is a specific sum, or a percentage of whatever is left once you've thought about those close to you.

When you create a legacy, you continue to be part of PRS for Music and the PRS Member's Fund far into the future, ensuring that the beat goes on long after you've gone.

Tom Springfield's songs became part of the soundtrack to a generation.

A gifted musician, songwriter and producer, Tom wrote and produced some of The Seekers' most beloved hits, including 'Georgy Girl', 'I'll Never Find Another You' and 'The Carnival is Over'.



Tom Springfield

Although he never performed with the group, his contribution to their success was so significant that he became known as 'the fifth Seeker'.

Tom's generosity did not end with his lifetime. When he died in 2022, he left his future royalties to the PRS Members' Fund, creating a legacy that will help protect and support vulnerable music creators across the PRS community for years to come.



Making a difference

The PRS Members' Fund is lucky to count many well-known composers, songwriters, music industry professionals and music lovers among its benefactors. As well as helping songwriters and composers facing financial hardship, housing crisis, addiction, and poor mental and physical health to get their lives back on track, bequests also support those same creators to rediscover their creativity following times of stress, illness or uncertainty.



Daphne Oram at her Tower Folly Studio

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Daphne Oram was a pioneering electronic music composer. She invented the innovative 'Oramics' approach to composing and co-founded the highly influential BBC Radiophonic Workshop.

Beyond composing, Daphne was also a writer, educator and passionate advocate for electronic music. As a trustee of PRS for Music in the 1970s, she also fought for composers' rights.

Following Daphne's death in 2003, the administrators of her estate made a generous gift to the PRS Members' Fund.

In 2025, to mark Daphne's centenary, the Fund partnered with the Oram Awards to provide financial backing for alumni to attend their Shetland Artist's Retreat. This project provided women and gender-diverse artists, recognised for their innovation in sound and technology, the opportunity to rest and restore in nature while focusing on their writing, research, mental health, and wellbeing.



'Thanks to support from the PRS Members' Fund, I was able to be there during the most vital moments of Ashley's recovery'

*'The PRS Fund has been part of this extraordinary gift of kindness, without them we wouldn't be sitting in this bungalow where Ashley is able to be safe and happy and progress'.
Jo, Ashley's wife*

Kind bequests like Daphne's allow the Fund to provide critical life support to modern creators. For example, helping UK house music DJ and producer Ashley Beedle when he faced life-altering health issues. The Fund helped pay for medical treatment, enabled his partner to be with him during the most critical moments of his treatment and funded adaptations to make his home suitable for the long-term changes to his physical health and mobility.

Donations of all sizes can make a significant difference. Even a small gift in your will can have a lasting impact on someone's life. Financial stress can have a knock-on effect on mental and physical health, which can in turn affect a person's ability to be creative. Often, it is the little things — paying a power bill over winter, funding dental treatment or helping to pay for school uniforms — that can turn things around for someone who is struggling to reconnect with their creativity.





How your gift can support the Fund

We invite you to make a gift that ensures that the beat goes on by supporting music makers for years to come.

Your gift might fund a programme that supports young people experiencing poor mental health, provide placements on song writing retreats for music makers recovering from burnout, stress or anxiety, help a struggling composer to keep the heating on over winter or support a song-writer facing homelessness to keep a roof over their head. No matter where your gift is directed, you can be assured that we are doing all we can to help those we support get back to doing what they do best – making music.

How PRS members can create a lasting legacy

- **Residual Legacy:** Leave the remainder, or a percentage of your estate to the Fund after loved ones are cared for.
- **Pecuniary Legacy:** Specify a fixed cash sum in your will to provide immediate financial support.
- **Posthumous Royalty Streams:** Dedicate a specific percentage of your ongoing catalogue earnings to generate support in perpetuity. It is also possible to leave MCPS and PPL earnings, publisher income, and other royalties.

Why a gift of royalties is different?

The nature of a royalty bequest presents unique benefits for both the donor and the recipient. Copyrights continue for 70 years after the death of the writer.

By giving back to the community that fostered your own journey, you're not just protecting individuals, you're safeguarding the future of the singer-songwriter ecosystem, leaving a lasting mark on the industry that defined your life.





How music industry professionals and music lovers can leave a legacy

You've been to the gig, you've got the T-shirt and you've spent a lifetime singing along to the tracks that define your happiest memories. As a music lover you can leave a legacy so future generations can experience the same joy from music that you have.

- **A gift in your Will:** Choose to leave a cash gift or a percentage of your estate to protect the future of music once you've taken care of your loved ones.
- **A frictionless legacy:** Include the PRS Members' Fund in your estate planning using standard, simple, legal wording (we can even offer a free Will writing service via our partner Farewill).

By leaving a gift to the PRS Members' Fund in your Will, you're not just protecting individuals, you're making sure future generations can experience the same rich, musical landscape that soundtracked your life.





Leave a gift and help make sure the beat goes on

Leaving a gift in your will is a special and personal decision.

We promise that your gift will be managed wisely and with great care ensuring it has the greatest impact for PRS songwriters and composers in need. We ensure every pound you give goes directly to supporting our programmes.

Through the generosity of donors like you and wise investment, the Fund has been able to distribute millions of pounds worth of grants since its beginnings in the 1930s.

The Fund is a registered charity and has an independent board of trustees. As a registered UK charity, any gifts to the PRS Members' Fund are currently exempt from UK Inheritance Tax and Capital Gains Tax.

Why make a will?

Your will is a legal document that records exactly how you wish your assets and possessions to be distributed after your death. By making a will, you can safeguard the future of the people and causes closest to your heart. And you can have peace of mind knowing that your affairs are in order.

What is a bequest?

A bequest is a gift in a will. It's a way for you to support the people you love and causes you care about in the future, without impacting your current financial needs. Once you have met the needs of your loved ones, you could consider remembering the PRS Members' Fund with a bequest.





Who makes a bequest?

Anyone can make a bequest. The Fund has received bequests from PRs members, their families, former staff members, music industry professionals and music lovers in the wider community. Their gifts have supported programmes such as the Winter Relief Scheme and Wellbeing Breaks and the General Fund that allows members in need to access help including mental and physical health and wellbeing and housing support.

How to make a bequest?

Through our partnership with Farewill you can go online and draft a simple will for free, Farewill can also advise you on how to amend an existing will and what wording you should use when planning a bequest.

For PRS members, will writing notes to help you leave a gift of royalties to the PRS Members' Fund are available on request.

Our free guide to a making a will offers practical tips to get started writing your will. [\[link to guide\]](#)

For more complex or international needs you can contact our legal partner Simkins LLP and let them know you are a PRS member to access legal advice. wills@simkins.com





What to do next

Once you've decided to leave a gift in your will speak to your lawyer about amending your existing will or use our free will writing service to get started.

When making or updating your will, we recommend getting professional advice from a solicitor.

We would love the chance to speak with you about your gift plans and why you've decided to remember the Fund in your will.

Our team are on hand to offer support and guidance when you decide to leave a gift to the Fund in your will.

Contact us

Email: fundcommunications@prsformusic.com

Thank you





If you've remembered PRS Members' Fund in your will please let us know so that we can thank you for your kindness.

We'd also love to know what inspired you to leave a gift.

Let us know by emailing
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