



"Bach for Life"

Legacies & Bequests

The Ultimate Musical Offering



A collection of period instruments

During his lifetime Bach's work was "to provide": for the weekly services at the various churches he served, for his large and talented family, for his numerous Royal Patrons at the various Courts at Weimar, Cöthen and Dresden, and for those who needed an extra special piece for an extra special occasion – the famous *'Trauerode'* BWV 198 for the Electress Christiane Eberhardine, who was a rare human being and great Patron of music, is just one example. After his death, it was thanks to the devotion of his son CPE Bach and a few loyal pupils that much of Bach's music was not only preserved, but also made available when it could so easily have been completely lost and forgotten. Later a young Mendelssohn aged 20 revived Bach's *Matthäus-Passion* at Berlin in 1829 and the first complete edition of his works was published by the Leipzig Bach Gesellschaft in 1850 whose founders included Robert Schumann.

London Bach Society is now in its seventh decade serving the community. Since foundation by Bach Scholar and Conductor Paul Steinitz in 1946, the Society has played a seminal role in the revival of Bach's music in the UK, making his lesser known works better known here in particular. The Society too is a provider, a constant source of musical performances, educational work and useful resources for the public to enjoy and to derive benefit.

Remembering the London Bach Society in your Will

Bach provided for the enrichment of peoples' lives. In his footsteps, today, you can also help to provide for that same enrichment and enjoyment to continue for generations to come by making the London Bach Society a beneficiary in your Will.

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Giving by Legacy

A Will allows you to say what should happen to your money and belongings after you die. It is the best way of avoiding chaos, anxiety and expense for those you care about.

After providing for your family and friends, you may wish to support your favourite charities. A Legacy to the **London Bach Society** (registered charity no: 1082788) will enable the Society to continue to

- Continue to present top-quality musical performances
- Combine these with educational work (Prizes, Lectures, Workshops)
- Serve the community (Bach Orchestral Library & Journal)
- Continue to provide enjoyment

Tax Saving

Legacies to charity reduce your taxable estate for the purposes of Inheritance Tax. Your Solicitor will be able to advise you about this and about any other relevant tax matters.

Help and Advice

Making a Will is often a daunting prospect and we recommend that you consult a solicitor when taking such a step. The solicitor will also be able to advise on the current tax position and answer other queries.

How to make a bequest to the Society

A bequest to the Society could be:

- A specified cash sum
- Any specific assets – *a preliminary discussion with us to discuss your plans would be preferable especially if they concern land, property, collections of sheet music and scores*
- The residue or part of the residue of your Estate after any other bequests to relatives and friends have been made



An example of Bach's manuscript that has come down to us
for our enrichment and enjoyment today
Sonata in G minor for solo violin BWV 1001

We are always ready to discuss *in complete confidence* with you, or your solicitor, any queries you have and our contact details are below. Please write to us:

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Thank you

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