

The language suggested below is for exemplary purposes only. Always consult an attorney and/or financial advisor before making a will. **The International Society of Bassists** is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization, IRS EIN 31-1616145, 14070 Proton Rd. Suite 100, LB9, Dallas, TX 75244.

## WAYS TO GIVE TO THE ISB

**1. Outright Bequest.** This is the most common type of bequest. As with all bequests, it can be changed prior to the donor's death. A specific dollar amount, or specific property such as real estate, jewelry, or artwork, is designated to be donated. One drawback is that the assets of the estate may grow and only a portion of what the maker of the will intended is finally left to the ISB.

"I give, devise, and bequeath to the International Society of Bassists the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars (and/or the following described property \_\_\_\_\_), to be used for \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., its general purposes or a specific program or purpose decided upon in advance in consultation with an authorized representative of the ISB.)"

**2. Bequest of Residuary Estate.** This is a gift of whatever property remains after all other bequests have been fulfilled. Here the maker of the will is assured that loved ones will be provided for before dispositions are made to the ISB or other charities: "All the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal property of whatever kind and wheresoever situated, which I may own or have the right to dispose of at the time of my decease, I give, devise, and bequeath to the International Society of Bassists, to be used for \_\_\_\_\_."

**3. Bequest of Percentage of Estate.** This is the most flexible way to give. The size of the gift automatically changes with the size of the estate. This assures that the charitable gift remains in proportion to other bequests: "All the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real and personal property of whatever kind and wheresoever situated, which I may own or have the right to dispose of at the time of my decease, I give, devise, and bequeath as follows: To the International Society of Bassists \_\_\_\_\_ percent, to be used for \_\_\_\_\_."

**4. Contingent Bequest.** Every will should contain a contingent bequest to direct distribution in case other beneficiaries do not survive you. Without this provision, your property might pass to beneficiaries in whom you have little or no interest: "In the case of failure or lapse of any legacy or devise herein such that the property so bequeathed or devised would otherwise pass by intestacy (*absence of a will*), I give, devise, and bequeath any such failed or lapsed legacy or devise to the International Society of Bassists to be used for \_\_\_\_\_."

**5. Donation of Stock.** By donating appreciated stock to the ISB, the combination of capital gains tax savings and charitable deduction could multiply the benefit to you while helping the ISB. Ask your CPA, estate planner or tax adviser, or contact the ISB for more information.

**6. Ask your employer if it matches employees' donations to 501(c)(3) organizations.**

**A Final Suggestion: a Saving Clause.** The future is unpredictable. If you draft your bequest with a restricted purpose, consider adding a saving clause to ensure that the ISB will still get the benefit of your bequest if the bequest is no longer needed for its original purpose. It might read as follows: "If at any time, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, this bequest shall be necessary no longer for the stated purpose, the Directors shall have the authority to designate its use for another purpose that most closely carries out my original intent."



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new and unexpected ways.

**Please detach and return this card to:**

General Manager  
International Society of Bassists  
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Dallas, Texas 75244, USA  
(972) 233-9107 ext. 204  
info@ISBworldoffice.com

To the ISB General Manager:

In confidence, I want you to know that:

- I have provided for the ISB in my will.
- I am considering a provision in my will.
- I am planning a donation of stock to the ISB.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide me with more complete language for my attorney's guidance in making a specific bequest to the ISB. This is what I have in mind:

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Please provide further information on:

- Making a will
- Estate planning
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

## About the ISB

With nearly 3,000 members in over 40 countries, the International Society of Bassists is a membership organization dedicated to raising worldwide awareness of the double bass by providing forums to connect people, music and ideas through fellowship, performance, digital media and the printed word. Since 1967, donations made to the ISB have been put to good use in support of the educational goals of our organization, and we have great news to share about the ISB!

- We publish an eclectic membership magazine three times a year and host a scholarly online research journal.
- Every two years we host competitions for performers, composers and bass makers. Our biennial conventions at a host university attract hundreds of bassists and their family members, guest musicians and exhibitors for a week of concerts, lectures and masterclasses.
- The ISB's publishing arm, ISB Editions, brings newly composed music into the standard repertoire. We have digitized over forty years of past issues of our membership magazine, *Bass World*, and posted them online as the ISB George Vance Online Resource Library.
- Thanks to our founder Gary Karr's gift of the instrument once owned by composer, bassist and conductor Serge Koussevitzky, the ISB loans the Karr-Koussevitzky bass to members for their own performances and recording projects.
- Through the generous gift of jazz legend Scott LaFaro's restored double bass to the ISB, we are able to make yet another world famous bass available to jazz musicians for performance and recordings.

## *Please let us know...*

If you're thinking about making a bequest or donation of appreciated stock to the ISB, there are a number of good reasons to let us know about your plans:

- The International Society of Bassists may have needs that parallel your particular gift-giving ideas exactly.
- We may be able to help you plan a suitable future memorial to a loved one.
- We may be able to suggest ways for increasing the value of your estate while at the same time increasing the size of your gift to the ISB.
- We are able to say "Thank You" to you now, rather than to your heirs or executor.

You can let us know if you are planning a bequest to the International Society of Bassists by contacting us at the address below.



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## *Ways to Give to the* **International Society of Bassists**



Legal documents such as wills should *always* be prepared by attorneys. The International Society of Bassists submits these few sample bequest forms for the information of our friends and especially for the guidance of attorneys preparing wills for the benefit of the ISB.