



“Bach for Life”
The Ultimate Musical Offering

LEGACY GIVING TO LONDON BACH SOCIETY



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 that 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 very fine example.

After his death in 1750, 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. In the 19th century a young Mendelssohn aged 20 revived Bach’s *Matthäus-Passion* at Berlin in 1829 and the first complete edition of his works was published from 1850-1899 by the Leipzig Bach Gesellschaft, whose founders included the composer and Bach devotee, Robert Schumann.

London Bach Society is now in its eighth decade promoting Bach’s music and serving the community here in the UK. Since foundation in 1946 by Conductor and Bach Scholar **Paul Steinitz** (1909-1988) the Society has played a seminal role in the revival of Bach’s music here, especially the lesser known works, performing and placing them in the mainstream repertoire we so enjoy today. The Society is a provider too, not only a constant source of concerts and recitals, but also a platform for emerging artists and that vitally important first opportunity, educational work and useful resources for the public to use, enjoy and derive benefit.

Remembering the London Bach Society in your Will

Bach provided for the enrichment of peoples’ lives. In his footsteps, today, you too can help to provide for that same enrichment and enjoyment for generations to come as others have done in the past 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 and to provide for the people and organisations you care about. If you die without having made a Will, your money and belongings may not go to them and it may take longer for your estate to be settled, causing chaos, anxiety and expense."

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: -

- Present top-quality musical public performances
- Provide a platform for new artists and composers
- Combine these with educational work (Prizes, Lectures, Workshops)
- Serve the community (Bach Orchestral Lending Library & Journal)
- Provide continuing public enjoyment

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.

Tax Saving

Legacies to charity reduce your taxable estate for the purposes of Inheritance Tax. Your Solicitor will be able to advise you further on this and on other tax incentives and advantages when giving to charities.

How to make a bequest to the Society

A bequest to the Society could be:

- A specified cash sum **or** any specific assets **or** the residue or part of the residue of your Estate after any other bequests to relatives and friends have been made



“Der Tag ist so freudenreich” BWV 605 from Bach’s Orgelbüchlein

It is essential to discuss your plans with us beforehand if you are considering a bequest of property, land or chattels (including sheet music, books and other items) or if you wish to attach any conditions to your bequest. 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 or telephone during office hours:

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Thank you

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