



“ I think it is really wonderful if someone decides to leave us a gift in their Will. Their generosity will directly help the Theatre Industry and develop technical standards. That is a remarkable legacy for someone to leave behind. ”

Name Name, ABTT Council Member



**The Association of  
British Theatre Technicians**

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**A LASTING  
LEGACY**



It is easier than you think to leave a gift in your will, or make a donation and no gift is too small to make a lasting difference. Just 1% of your estate or salary could help fund many of the Associations' efforts.

Every legacy or donation we receive supports our work, both in terms of performance and behind the scenes.

Every gift, no matter the size makes it possible for us to continue setting and upholding standards in technical excellence, safety and compliance for theatre and live performance.

**“ Knowing that my gift will continue to support the ABTT in their generous work in the Theatre Industry in the future gives me great happiness. ”**

Name Name, ABTT Member

**“ I would like to make a donation to the ABTT so that future generations can enjoy performance in the best designed venues, using the latest technical standards. ”**

Name Name, ABTT Member

## LET YOUR LOVE OF THEATRE AND LIVE ENTERTAINMENT LIVE ON

For nearly 60 years, the ABTT has been supporting the Theatre Industry by continuously advancing technical expertise in theatre and live performance. By this, we hope to develop and promote best practice in all relevant crafts and disciplines.

Many of those involved in the Industry, either front or back of house support our work through membership, supporting campaigns or helping to fund one of our many projects.

Others wish to help further by making a commitment to help to keep our rich legacy alive by leaving a gift in their will to the ABTT.

Every legacy or donation we receive supports our work and these gifts in Wills, and one off donations are key part of our funding. This amazing support helps us make a real difference, making us a trusted source of guidance on safe and compliant operation and management of places of entertainment and the production of live performance.



## A GIFT FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Of course, family and friends will be your first priority, but you can also leave a gift in your will which will enable us to:

- Campaign on behalf of the theatre industry to ensure legislation is appropriate to the industry's needs.
- Provide technical advice, consultations and training. Whilst ensuring we are a vital resource to those working in the technical theatre industry.
- Be the go-to resource for members to find the best information and advice on safe working practices.
- Advise on safety, planning, good practice and enforcement, whilst also providing publications to support this knowledge.
- Encourage networking and the exchange of information for the betterment of our members and the industry as a whole.



## MAKING OR UPDATING YOUR WILL

Every gift is valuable to us. Whether you leave a legacy or a donation to the ABTT it will help us to support the Theatre Industry.

### There's no need to worry

Leaving a gift in your Will, or making a one off donation can make a huge difference to the Technicians throughout the Industry. But in case you have any lingering questions before you read on, here are a few points worth remembering.

### Family can still come first

You don't have to choose between looking after your loved ones and protecting supporting your Industry. You can use your Will to do both – for instance by leaving a gift to the ABTT after friends and family have been taken care of. Every gift, no matter how big or small, has the power to make a real and lasting difference.

### Your Will, your wishes

Making a Will is easy to put off, but it's the only way to be sure your wishes are carried out. Without one, you may leave your loved ones facing uncertainty. And of course, there'll be no way to ensure your desire to support the Theatre Industry continues.

### Good financial sense

Leaving a gift to charity in your Will can reduce the amount your estate pays in Inheritance Tax, meaning you can make an even greater difference to your loved one.

### Easing the pressure

Once you've made a Will, you and your loved ones can feel secure; and you can enjoy peace of mind knowing your wishes will be carried out.

**“ The Association of British Theatre Technicians is one of my residuary beneficiaries of my will because it has given so much to me and my career over the years and I want to give something back. ”**

Name Name, ABTT Member

# LEAVING A LEGACY: WHAT TYPE OF GIFT?

First you'll need to decide which type of gift you'd like to leave.

**With a residuary gift**, you can leave the remainder of your estate, or a percentage of it, once family and friends have been provided for.

This is the type of gift many supporters choose to make, because it has the added benefit of keeping its value over time - it isn't affected by inflation.

If you would like to discuss this further, please contact the ABTT Office on: [office@abtt.org.uk](mailto:office@abtt.org.uk).

**With a pecuniary or cash gift**, you can specify a particular amount of money you wish to give.

We would encourage you to leave a gift that can be used wherever it is most urgently needed at the time it comes to us, but we understand that you may wish for your gift to benefit an area of our work that's important to you.



## **Making a will for the first time**

Before visiting your solicitor it's a good idea to make a list of everything you own (assets) including property, money, cars, jewellery and other possessions and a list of everything you owe (liabilities) including your mortgage and any other loans.

Then decide who you want to include in your will, including family, friends and charities. Finally you'll need to appoint executors who will carry out the instructions in your will.

We recommend using a qualified solicitor to make a new will or to amend an existing will.

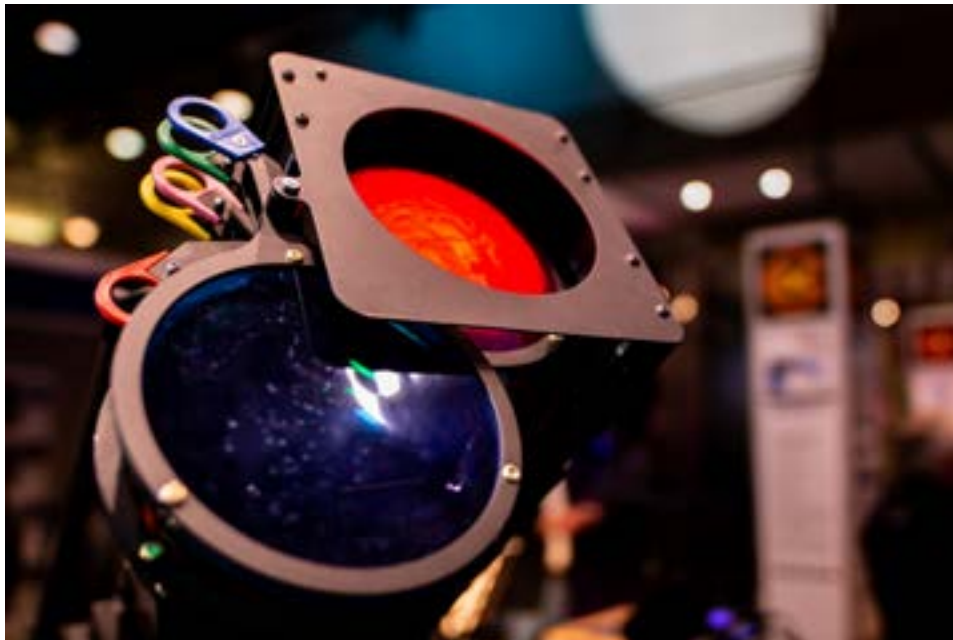
You can find a solicitor in your local area using the Law Society's website. We are always happy to help you with any queries you may have about your gift.

## **If you already have a will**

Best advice says to look at your will every five to ten years and make sure it still reflects your wishes.

If you have an existing will and would like to make a few minor changes, such as including a gift to the Association of British Theatre Technicians, you may find a codicil form a simpler option than re-writing the whole. A codicil enables an update or alteration to your existing will.

We recommend you ask your solicitor for further information on this and to prepare and check it is legally valid, and to make sure that it is stored together with your will.





### Leaving a gift to the Association

If you decide to leave a gift to the ABTT, your solicitor will need the Charity name, address and registered charity number. You may find the following wording useful:

I leave all (or a percentage of\*) the residue of my estate to the Association of British Theatre Technicians, 55 Farringdon Road, Farringdon, London, EC1M 3JB (registered charity number 282069) Registered office: New Bridge Street House, 30-34 New Bridge Street, London EC4V 6BJ. \* Insert/ delete as appropriate

We're always extremely grateful to receive gifts in wills. You can ask for your gift to be kept anonymous, otherwise all legacies over £500 will be acknowledged in our Annual Report and Accounts. Every gift makes a difference and we are always happy to discuss ways in which we can recognise your pledge.

### Inheritance Tax

Legacies to your spouse, civil partner or a charity such as the ABTT are free of inheritance tax.

If you leave 10% or more of the net value of your estate to charity in your will, your estate can pay inheritance tax at a reduced rate of 36% instead of 40%. This may mean that family and friends receive more than they would have otherwise while your favourite charities also benefit. For further information please contact your solicitor or visit [hmrc.gov.uk/inheritancetax](http://hmrc.gov.uk/inheritancetax)



**The Association of  
British Theatre Technicians**

You do not need to let us know your intentions, but doing so means that we can thank you for your gift.

### THANK YOU.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Membership Number (if applicable):  
\_\_\_\_\_

I would like to Gift Aid my donation

I would not like to Gift Aid my donation

**Thank you for  
letting us know  
your intentions**

A gift in your will is a rewarding way to let your love of live performance and theatre technicians. As a donor to the ABTT, and a valued benefactor to the technical side of the arts, you'll be leaving one of the richest legacies you can for generations to come.

**All enquiries are treated in the strictest confidence.**

I have already included the ABTT in my will and would like to remain anonymous.

I am considering leaving a legacy to the ABTT and would like you contact me to discuss this.

**I have left/ would like to leave**

A percentage of my estate/ a residuary gift

A gift of a specific sum of money (pecuniary bequest)

If you'd like to know more, you can contact the office using the following details:

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