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THE LEGACY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

Ensuring the Future of Choral Music and the Arts in New York City through Planned Giving

Leave a Legacy That Lives On

Smart Giving.
Lasting Impact.
A Future Filled with Music.

For many supporters, philanthropy is about more than giving today—it is about shaping the future of an organization. A legacy gift to the New York Choral Society ensures that powerful music, artistic excellence, and transformative performances continue for generations to come.

Planned giving is one of the most meaningful ways to support the causes you love while also creating financial benefits for your family and estate. With thoughtful planning, your generosity can have an even greater impact than you may realize.



Top: Music Director David Hayes conducts the chorus during the sold out 2025 performance of *King David*. Bottom: From our sold-out *Requiem Reimagined* performance on May 9, 2026.



Why Support NYCHORAL

**Because great cities deserve
great cultural institutions.**

For more than **six decades**, the New York Choral Society has brought people together through the shared power of music. We are more than a chorus, we are a vibrant, multi-generational community of singers and audiences united by artistry, curiosity, and connection.

YOUR SUPPORT HELPS US:

- Present ambitious performances that pair beloved masterworks with bold new ideas
- Engage world-class soloists, musicians, and creative collaborators
- Keep ticket prices accessible for diverse audiences
- Welcome singers of all backgrounds into a thriving artistic community
- Invest in the future of choral music through innovation and fresh perspectives
- Ensure that live music continues to inspire, heal, and unite New York City

**When you support NYCHORAL, you invest in both
artistic excellence and human connection.**

Easy Ways to Create Your Legacy

#1

A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

One of the simplest options: include NYCHORAL in your will or living trust with a specific amount, percentage, or portion of your estate.

#2

RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS & BENEFICIARY GIFTS

Assets such as IRAs and retirement plans can be especially meaningful and tax-efficient charitable gifts. In many cases, designating a nonprofit as a beneficiary may reduce tax burdens and allow more of your legacy to support the causes you care about most.

#3

INCOME FOR YOU OR A LOVED ONE

Options such as charitable gift annuities or charitable remainder trusts can provide payments during life, with the remaining funds later supporting NYCHORAL.

#4

A FAMILY TRADITION OF GIVING

Some supporters create donor-advised funds or family foundations so children and grandchildren can help guide charitable giving in the future.



Smart Planning Tips



CHOOSE THE RIGHT ASSETS

Some gifts go farther than others. Retirement assets, deferred income, or highly taxed holdings may create greater benefits when gifted strategically.



MATCH YOUR GIFT TO THE CAUSE

You may choose to support the area of our artistic mission that resonates most with you, from transformative performances and artistic innovation to education, accessibility, and the future of choral music.



BE CLEAR ABOUT YOUR WISHES

Clear instructions in your estate documents help ensure your intentions are honored and your gift is used as you envisioned.



SEEK PROFESSIONAL GUIDANCE

Your attorney, accountant, or financial advisor can help structure a gift that supports both your loved ones and your charitable goals.

The Impact of Legacy Gifts



Reverend Olivia Holmes,
Legacy Society Member

HONORING REVEREND OLIVIA HOLMES' LEGACY

Reverend Olivia Holmes lived a life of extraordinary service, leadership, and community engagement. After a successful career in market research and international social programs, Olivia answered the call to ministry, serving Unitarian Universalist congregations across the Northeast and representing Unitarian Universalism at major interfaith conferences around the world. A passionate musician and singer herself, she believed deeply in the power of community through music.

Through her generous legacy gift, Olivia continues to support the mission and future of the New York Choral Society. Her generosity has helped:

- Sustain ambitious artistic programming and immersive concert experiences that bring choral music to life in new ways.
- Strengthen the long-term stability of the organization, allowing us to plan boldly for future seasons and artistic growth.
- Support a vibrant and inclusive musical community where singers and audiences can connect through transformative performances.

Olivia's legacy lives on in every performance, every voice raised in song, and every audience member moved by the power of choral music.



Judith A. Rubin
Legacy Society Member

LEGACY SOCIETY MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

"As I reflect on my personal decision to become a member of The Legacy Society, the word that immediately comes to mind is continuity. It is important to me that the precious experiences I have had as a longtime member can extend to others in the future.

My gift will help ensure the survival of this amazing, diverse community of singers. We are a family whose members support each other and come together to share the beauty of making music as one, not to mention the lasting impact we make on the audiences we reach."

- **Judith A. Rubin**



Image from May 2025's concert featuring Bach's *Magnificat* and Reena Esmail's *This Love Between Us*.

Your legacy can be more than remembered. *It can be heard.*

When you include the New York Choral Society in your estate plans, you help sustain bold performances, extraordinary artists, and a vibrant musical community in New York City for years to come.

Let's Start the Conversation

If you have already included the New York Choral Society in your plans—or would like to explore your options—we would be honored to speak with you confidentially.

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Please consult your attorney, financial advisor, or tax professional when making estate planning decisions.

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We honor the memory of our Legacy Society members who have passed. Their gifts continue to inspire and sustain the future of the New York Choral Society:

Joseph Bookmyer

Sylvia Hoisington

Reverend Olivia Holmes

Dr. Martin L. Finkelman

Margot S. Romberg

Irene Soskin

David Uskali



Right: From our sold-out *Requiem Reimagined* performance on May 9, 2026.

Photos courtesy of Alan Barnett Photography.

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