



# Make a Difference



Leave a gift to Worthing Symphony Society in your will and help safeguard the future of Worthing Symphony Orchestra for generations to come.



## -Yes ...Worthing Symphony Orchestra is 100 years old in 2026!

**It was founded in 1926 as a Municipal Orchestra, funded by the Borough.**

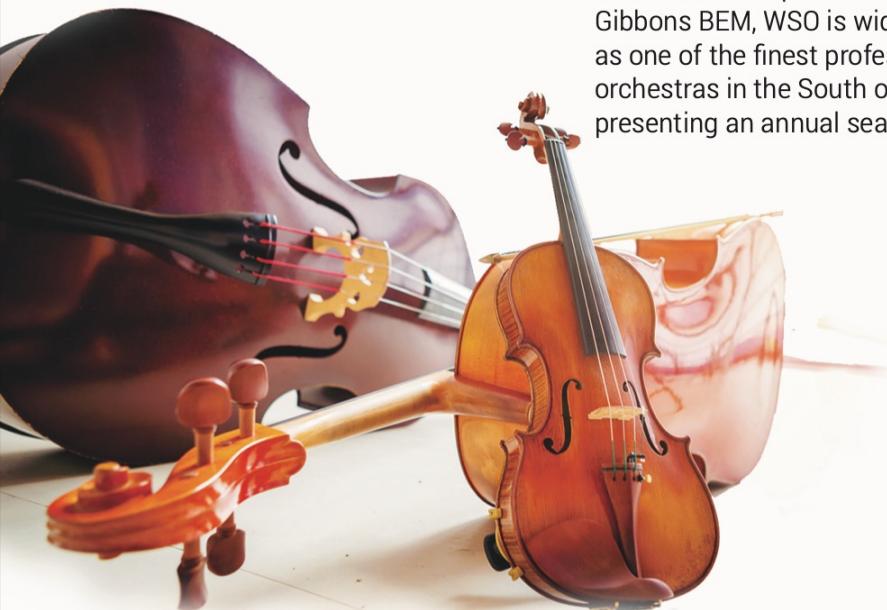
Not so now! Municipal funding has decreased over the years and is now no longer available.

In 1982, Jan Cervenka, the Principal Conductor at that time, suggested forming a society to fundraise for the Orchestra, and the Worthing Symphony Society (WSS) was formed in 1983. A charity, it has raised money by members' donations, raffles and other fundraising events.

It is a fact that ticket sales alone do not fully fund an orchestral concert of the quality we have come to expect. WSS has helped make good the shortfall through the generosity of its members.

And then came the pandemic. Concerts were halted for the duration, and when they resumed audience numbers were drastically reduced. Numbers are now rising gradually, but still nowhere near covering the cost of a PROFESSIONAL ORCHESTRA featuring PROFESSIONAL SOLOISTS, many of worldwide stature.

Under the Principal Conductor John Gibbons BEM, WSO is widely regarded as one of the finest professional orchestras in the South of England, presenting an annual season of



classical music concerts in the acoustically superb Assembly Hall, Worthing. Since the pandemic WSO, now a charity in its own right, has staged several Schools Concerts, which are free and hopefully encourage a new generation of music lovers and instrumentalists.

**The stark truth is that Worthing Symphony Orchestra would not be in existence today without the loyalty and generosity of WSS members, and several very generous legacies.**

The future is secured for a few more years, but in these uncertain times we have to think ahead.

If you care about the continuation of World Class Music in Sussex and in Worthing in particular, please consider a bequest to WSS in your will.

## Legacy Giving

Legacies are a source of income upon which many charities have come to depend, but within the arts world they



are less common. Your legacy will help ensure that, as well as a glorious past spanning 100 years, the Orchestra will have a secure and thriving future to be enjoyed by generations of classical music lovers.

However large or small, every legacy makes a difference, and we are hugely grateful to everyone who has already pledged or left us a gift in their Will.

To stage a full season of concerts for Worthing Symphony Orchestra costs approximately £120,000, only part of which is paid for by ticket sales. We rely on the generosity of individuals, organisations and charitable trusts to help the Orchestra survive.



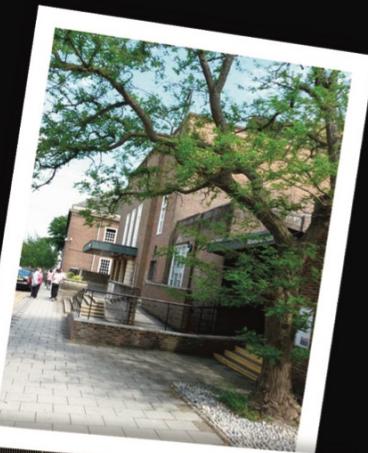
## Legal Advice

It is important to take independent legal advice when writing your Will. If you have already made a Will, changes can be made in a codicil.

Your solicitor will require our charity name, address and registered charity number - see below:



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[worthingsymphony.org.uk](http://worthingsymphony.org.uk)



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