SOUTHOANK SINFONIA Music Director: Simon Over

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WHEN SOMEONE ASKS WHAT SOUTHBANK SINFONIA MEANS TO YOU, WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

"For me, it's limitless possibilities. I wanted to create a haven for brilliant young musicians who too often lose their way. I couldn't have dreamt of all it would become, changing lives every year, and not just the players'. Every step of the way, we have met people like you, drawn by the irrepressible spirit of the players, and enlivened by seeing them soar. From this, we each have our favourite moments that will stay with us forever.

Together we have witnessed what opportunity can do for potential: seeing young people find their voice, overcome inhibitions and leap forward in talent and confidence. The range of what we can do for them has grown over the years but the founding principles remain: caring for every individual, helping them establish their own path, and never losing that personal touch.

In this, we are a family."

SIMON OVER MUSIC DIRECTOR

Fifteen years and counting since its launch, Southbank Sinfonia's impact is incalculable. It has so far generated over £5 million that has gone directly into young musicians' pockets, transforming their livelihood. It has placed them at the heart of distinctive, thrilling projects that set the tempo for the future of classical music. They have collaborated with some of the world's finest artists and in turn, seized their potential as role models, ensuring the gift of music once entrusted to them is safely passed on to younger generations. Few other institutions worldwide give young artists such a footing.

We want to keep changing lives for decades to come. However, sustaining a unique entity like this becomes more and more challenging. Year-on-year we meet graduates increasingly burdened by debt for whom the orchestra and its bursaries provide a lifeline. With no regular statutory funding, we have to be ever more resourceful in order to provide our players with the opportunities they need. Nonetheless, at a time when society risks overlooking the transformative power of the arts, the hope and unity at the heart of Southbank Sinfonia has never been more vital.

To safeguard the orchestra's future and the vital role it plays in Britain's musical ecology, we are proud to launch the Southbank Sinfonia Foundation. While we continue to fundraise year-round for our immediate plans, we hope the Foundation will help us generate the means to plan a brighter future for the orchestra, for years to come.

"Having been closely involved with Southbank Sinfonia, I have seen first-hand the enormous benefit that being part of the orchestra brings to talented and passionate young musicians. I have also seen the enormous enjoyment that their performances bring all of us, the family of supporters. I can honestly say that being part of this family has contributed hugely to my appreciation of classical music as I get older and think more about how to distribute my estate. A legacy to Southbank Sinfonia – to help ensure it can continue its remarkable work – is very high on my list."

SUSAN LLOYD SOUTHBANK SINFONIA SUPPORTER

Making a gift in your Will to a charity like Southbank Sinfonia may not be something you have considered before. Such a gesture can be very modest: you will have seen at Southbank Sinfonia how we put every penny to good use, so even the smallest gift can have great worth. Whatever you can give, it brings the assurance that the orchestra you have cherished supporting in your lifetime will continue to prosper. The difference you make will continue to resonate every time Southbank Sinfonia players set out into the profession and touch the lives of countless others with their passion for music.

Once you have made provision for your loved ones, there are a number of ways in which you might consider making Southbank Sinfonia a beneficiary in your Will. You could:

ENRICH OUR PROGRAMME

Have a lasting impact on everything we do. From our free concerts that bring many new people to classical music to our projects inspiring children to pursue music themselves, help us ensure no single element of our programme is undernourished, enabling us to invest your support where the need is greatest at the time.



INVEST IN BOLD NEW VENTURES

Increasingly, we are proud to create projects that give our players a uniquely important voice in the sector. From our acclaimed production of *Amadeus* at the National Theatre to our starring role in the iTunes Festival streamed worldwide, what might we devise next that puts Southbank Sinfonia in the spotlight?

CREATE A LASTING RECORD

Together, we can find a way to put your name, or the name of a loved one, to an aspect of our work that you particularly enjoy, and ensure that it thrives for years to come. We are proud to have made such provision for Joan Coull, a longstanding Friend unable to make such a gift in her lifetime, in whose name we now dedicate our work with singers and soloists – a lifelong passion of hers.



"I saw my time in Southbank Sinfonia as an opportunity to take risks and learn the craft. Throughout the year we got to explore a very wide range of musical genres and skills. That's something I really value about Southbank Sinfonia: it enables you to be your own kind of musician."

MATTHEW FEATHERSTONE 2011 PRINCIPAL FLUTE, BBC NATIONAL ORCHESTRA OF WALES



"I finished my Southbank Sinfonia fellowship with a new-found confidence and ability to go out and pursue my dream of becoming a professional musician. The difference in me as a player and person positively surprised my teachers and, more importantly, myself."

JENNIFER MACCALLUM 2014 VIOLA, AMADEUS AND FREELANCE





While leaving a gift like this in your Will is a relatively straightforward process, we always recommend you seek the assistance of a solicitor.

You may also like to read our guide to leaving a gift to Southbank Sinfonia. We are very happy to send you a copy of this by post upon request or you can simply download a copy from **southbanksinfonia.co.uk/legacies**. The guide addresses various practicalities including the possible tax benefits of leaving a gift to a registered charity like ours.

We are happy to talk to you in confidence about the range of options open to you, either in person or over the phone. In the first instance, please simply contact the development team:

020 7921 0377 | development@southbanksinfonia.co.uk

The details of your Will are naturally a very personal matter and you may prefer to keep your intentions to yourself. However, letting us know of your wishes gives us the opportunity to thank you for your kindness, while allowing us to make plans for the future together and for you to enjoy a closer relationship with Southbank Sinfonia during your lifetime.

Thank you from everyone at Southbank Sinfonia.







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"The phone call inviting me to become the principal bassoon of the newly formed Southbank Sinfonia transformed my life. I can clearly remember the excitement among the new cohort on day one as we set to work; suddenly I had a flavour of a musician's working life and I loved every aspect of the mix."

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