

# Will the Garde Arts Center be part of your legacy?

*The peace of mind achieved through wise planning cannot be underestimated.*

*As you consider taking care of the people and causes you love, we hope you will consider including the Garde among them. In doing so, you will ensure a thriving future for your regional nonprofit home for the performing arts, cinema, education and community connection.*

## **The most common forms of legacy gifts are:**

### **Bequests:**

Your gift may be a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate or a remainder after all other provisions are made.

Sample language for drafting your will and/or trust:

*"I give to The Garde Arts Center, Inc., a nonprofit corporation currently located at 325 State Street, New London, CT 06320, or its successor thereto, \_\_\_\_\_ [written amount or percentage of the estate or description of property] for its [insert purpose such as unrestricted charitable use and purpose or a specific purpose as discussed with the Garde)]."*

### **Named beneficiary of a retirement account:**

You can name the Garde as a full or partial beneficiary of an IRA or other qualified retirement account. It's as simple as completing your plan provider's beneficiary forms either electronically or by mail.

### **Charitable remainder trusts:**

This estate and tax planning tool that can provide you or heirs with income during your life, with remaining assets ultimately going to your chosen charitable nonprofit(s), such as the Garde.

If you have included the Garde Arts Center in any legacy plan, please let us know so we can ensure that your gift is used according to your wishes and welcome you into the Garde Legacy Society. However, if you prefer to remain anonymous, we will keep your name and information in strict confidence.

*In all cases, you may need our federal tax ID number which is: 06-1143582.*

*As always, please consult your professional advisors for the legacy gift that works best for your circumstances.*

**Thank you for believing in the Garde and ensuring it will thrive for future generations.**



### **Questions?**

**Contact Jeanne Sigel**

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## Confirmation of your Legacy Gift

This form is to help you convey your wishes about your legacy gift to the Garde Arts Center so that your gift is used in accordance with your wishes. If this is a joint gift, please complete the spouse/partner fields and signature.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Please describe your legacy gift:

☐ Will      ☐ Trust      ☐ Retirement Account      ☐ Other

How would you like the Garde to use your gift (for example, unrestricted use or specific area or purpose?)

Please provide an estimate of the current value of your legacy gift to the Garde. All such information will be kept strictly confidential. This estimate does not bind you or your estate in any way. \_\_\_\_\_

Garde Legacy Society: Your gift makes you a member of the Garde Legacy Society. You can allow us to list your name which helps us to inspire others, or you may choose to be anonymous.

☐ Yes, I/we would like to be listed as a member of the Garde Legacy Society.

☐ Yes, I/we would like to be a member of the Garde Legacy Society but list my/our gift as anonymous.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This document does not bind you or your estate. By signing this form, you are simply acknowledging your plan to benefit the Garde in the future and providing guidance as to the use of your legacy gift.

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