



How to Make a Gift

Thank you for supporting Raven Theatre Company. You have several options for making your gift. Most of our contributors give via credit card through our website, a check mailed to us, or stock through their brokers. You may also make a planned gift to Raven Theatre Company.

To give to Raven **online with your credit or debit card**, please visit:
www.raventheatre.com

Send **your check**, made payable to Raven Theatre, to:
Raven Theatre
6157 N. Clark Street
Chicago, IL 60660-2423

If you wish to give a gift of **shares of stock**, please provide your broker Raven Theatre's brokerage account information.

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Matching Gifts

Many companies and organizations offer to match their employees' charitable gifts. Your human resource office will advise whether your company or organization will match your contribution to Raven Theatre.

Planned Giving

While "planned giving" includes the gifts that people make at the end of their lifetimes, the term refers to any charitable gift that includes more thought and planning to give than the average gift. From simple bequests and estate plans, to IRA's, life insurance, and securities, there are many ways to include Raven Theatre in your planned giving. Some of these gifts may be made during your life, when you can see them in action, and others ensure your legacy as a Raven supporter.

Retirement Plans and IRA's

Retirement plan assets may be the single largest asset in your portfolio. This is a form of gift that you may make both in your lifetime and afterwards as part of your permanent legacy.

The easiest way to make this kind of gift is to obtain a beneficiary designation form from the retirement plan administrator and name Raven Theatre Company as the entire or partial beneficiary of your retirement plan. This may avoid federal estate tax liability because of the inclusion of the charitable deduction.

You may also make gifts directly from your IRA. You are eligible to contribute this way if:

- ◆ You are age 70 ½ or older.
- ◆ Your gift from your IRA is \$100,000 or less each year.
- ◆ You transfer funds directly from your IRA.
- ◆ You transfer the gift outright to Raven Theatre Company.

While no charitable deduction is allowed, the gift is excluded from gross income for tax computations.

Wills/Bequests

Including Raven Theatre in your will expresses your values and helps Raven continue to tell stories of today and the past that connect us to our current cultural landscape. If you'd like some language for including Raven Theatre in your will, here are some samples. As always, review the exact wording with your financial and legal advisors.

Specific Bequest: I give, devise and bequeath to Raven Theatre Company, an Illinois nonprofit corporation headquartered in Chicago, IL, the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) to be used to continue Raven Theatre Company's work and programs.

Percentage Bequest: I give, devise and bequeath to Raven Theatre Company, an Illinois nonprofit corporation headquartered in Chicago, IL, fifty percent (50%) of my estate to be used to continue Raven Theatre Company's work and programs.

Residuary Bequest: I give, devise and bequeath all the rest, residue and remainder of my property, wherever located whether it be personal or real, or tangible or intangible to Raven Theatre Company, an Illinois nonprofit corporation, headquartered in Chicago, IL, to be used to continue Raven Theatre Company's work and programs.

Contingent Bequest: If (INSERT NAME) predeceases me or disclaims any interest in (DESCRIBE PROPERTY), I give, such property to Raven Theatre Company, an Illinois nonprofit corporation, headquartered in

Chicago, IL, to be used to continue Raven Theatre Company's work and programs.

Other Helpful Language: If any of the above charities are no longer in existence at the time of my demise, I direct the share designated for it be distributed equally to the other charities, or all to the remaining charity.

Trusts

You may make Raven Theatre Company a beneficiary of your trust, just as you would include it in your will. The same options apply to trusts as they do to wills.

You may consider working with your advisor to establish a Charitable Remainder Trust or Charitable Lead Trust.

Other Ways to Give

Gifts of Securities

The best stocks to contribute are those that have appreciated greatly in value. Such gifts may provide a double tax benefit. You may receive a charitable income tax deduction for the full fair-market value of the property and may not pay any potential tax on the capital gain element of the gift.

For example, you might wish to give stock now valued at \$25,000 that you purchased five years ago for \$15,000. Your charitable contribution tax deduction for this year would be the full current fair market value of the stock, or \$25,000. You would avoid paying the capital gains tax on the \$10,000 appreciated.

If you are considering giving securities that have declined in value, you will probably be better off selling the securities, realizing the deductible loss, and then contributing the proceeds.

Life Insurance

Life insurance that you no longer need for your family's security may be an attractive asset to contribute to Raven Theatre. You may contribute a new or existing policy by naming Raven Theatre Company to be the only, or the first, second, or final beneficiary of all or a portion of the proceeds. The easiest way to make this kind of gift is to obtain a beneficiary designation form and name Raven Theatre Company as the entire or partial beneficiary. Your estate may be entitled to a charitable deduction for the proceeds of the insurance given to Raven Theatre Company.

In Illinois, you may name Raven Theatre Company irrevocable owner and beneficiary of your life insurance policy. You may claim a charitable income tax deduction for the cash value of the policy and for gifts you make to Raven Theatre to continue to pay the premiums. To do this, work with your insurance agent to transfer physical possession of your policy to Raven Theatre Company and file an absolute assignment-of-ownership form with your insurance company. Your company will send an endorsement to Raven Theatre showing we are the sole owner and beneficiary of the policy.

Work with an Advisor

Please consult your financial or legal advisor to include Raven Theatre Company in your planned giving.

The information provided in Raven Theatre Company's materials is not intended as legal, tax, or investment advice. Please consult your attorney, tax professional, or investment professional for such advice.

Federal Tax Information

The legal name is Raven Theatre Company. It is a 501(c)(3) public charity and is qualified under Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Service Code to receive gifts, grants, and contributions which are deductible for Federal income tax purposes.

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