

The Lied Center for Performing Arts
GIFT PLANNING GUIDE





“What was any art but a mold to
imprison for a moment the shining
elusive element which is life itself — life
hurrying past us and running away, too
strong to stop, too sweet to lose.”

— *Willa Cather*



The gift of unforgettable moments

The Lied Center for the Performing Art's mission is to educate, inspire and entertain the people of Nebraska through the performing arts. For nearly three decades, the Lied Center has presented the greatest artists in the world ranging from Itzhak Perlman and Wynton Marsalis to Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater and the Joffrey Ballet. We offer something for everyone at the Lied, including the best of Broadway, symphony orchestra, dance, music, theatre and family programs. The Lied Center for Performing Arts is one of the cultural treasures of Nebraska.

Beyond the stage, the Lied Center is committed to transforming lives through the power of the arts. In addition to stage performances, most artists who are featured at the Lied work with University of Nebraska students, area youth or the open community during their engagement period. We believe in the power of the arts in the classroom. Our educational programs brings artists into dozens of Nebraska classrooms so that students have the opportunity to reach new levels of achievement in both the arts and core subject matter.

The future starts with your donation

The arts provide each of us the opportunity to travel on artistic adventures where anything is possible. Your support lights up the lives of thousands of children and adults each year with exquisite programs of music, theater and dance. Arts Education programs at the Lied Center take dreams and make them a reality. Private donations are essential to the Lied Center.



Impact

A gift to the Lied Center for Performing Arts can be directed to any area in which you wish to make an impact. One of the Lied's top priorities is to significantly increase access to the world-class events and performers who grace the Lied Center stage. If you share the belief that art is for everyone, your gift can help make that happen in Nebraska. You can also choose any area of the Lied that has personal meaning to you: music, dance, theater, comedy, family programming, educational outreach and more. Gifts can also be left to the discretion of the Lied director to be used for an area of greatest need.

Gifts can be dedicated to:

- Bringing in the greatest artists in the world to Nebraska
- Tickets for Kids- (Free or reduced-cost tickets) for underprivileged groups
- Art in schools- (early childhood and K-12 Arts Education)
- Venue enhancements and maintenance of the performance spaces
- Connecting iconic artists with students

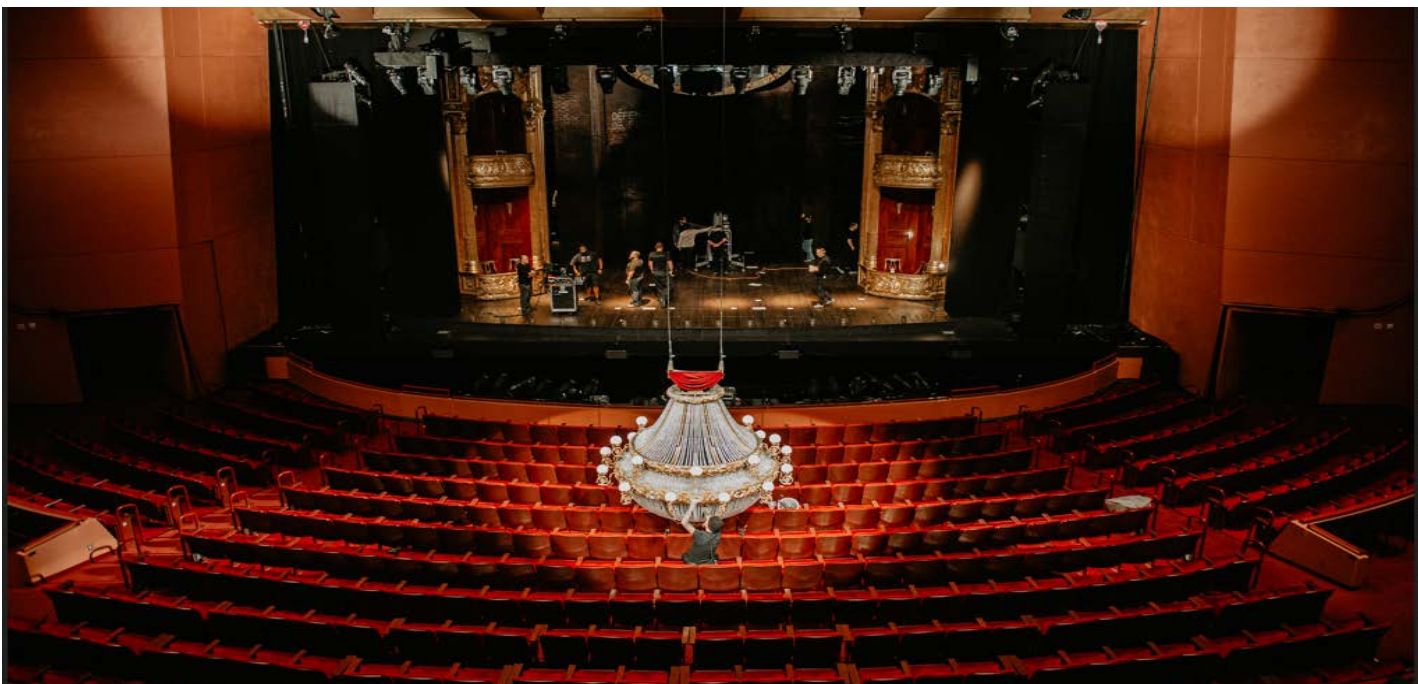


Planned giving

There is no one way to give to the Lied Center. There is just a way that works for you and your family. Many donors participate in planned giving. This giving method means that they've designated a gift amount in a will or estate plan. Some planned gifts are invested, providing a financial return to you or your family before benefiting the university. One major benefit of planned giving is the significant tax advantages, depending on your specific situation.

Planned gifts can take the form of:

- A will or trust
- Retirement plan assets
- Life insurance
- Real estate
- Charitable gift annuity
- Charitable remainder trust
- Charitable lead trust



The Burnett Society

Because the Lied Center for the Performing Arts is part of the University of Nebraska system, benefactors who include the Lied Center in their estate plans are invited to become members of the Burnett Society.

Chancellor Edgar A. Burnett, once said that one day the University would add a theater for the community to enjoy, and now we have the Lied Center. The Burnett Society was created and named for Chancellor Burnett in 1990 to recognize those who support the university with a planned gift and now you have an opportunity to join the Burnett Society with a planned gift.

Joining the Burnett Society:

- Open to any donor who makes a planned gift
- Members are invited to annual events, receive special mailings and are recognized in foundation or university publications
- Details of your gift can remain confidential

Sample language and tax identification

The foundation's gift planning professionals can work with you and your legal advisors to ensure your bequest accurately reflects your philanthropic goals. It is often useful to review your will every five to six years to be sure it is up to date and meets your current needs and circumstances. You may design your bequest to benefit a programing area or activity, or you may designate your gift as unrestricted to benefit the area(s) of greatest need at the Lied Center for the Performing Arts.

To ensure your bequest reaches the Lied Center for the Preforming Arts, please direct it to the *University of Nebraska Foundation, a Nebraska nonprofit corporation.*

The following is a sample of will/trust language in directing your bequest:

*"I give _____ and no/100 dollars (\$_____) [or _____ percent (____%) of the residue of my estate] to the UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA FOUNDATION, a Nebraska nonprofit corporation. This gift shall be used for the benefit and support of the Lied Center for the Performing Arts [for the specific use in the area(s) of _____,] at the direction of the Director, Lied Center for the Performing Arts, or his or her designee." **

Examples of specific areas of use may include but not be limited to: programming, performances, educational programming and opportunities, or the general excellence fund. Please contact the University of Nebraska Foundation for additional information.

Tax Identification

The University of Nebraska Foundation is registered with the Internal Revenue Service and is exempt from federal income tax. Our tax identification number or EIN is 47-0379839.

*This language has been prepared by the University of Nebraska Foundation only as an example and should not be used as written without prior consultation with your own legal advisor.

GIFT COMPARISON CHART

	GIFT TYPE	BENEFICIARY
GIFTS THE LIED CENTER CAN USE RIGHT NOW	Outright	The Lied Center
	Charitable Lead Trust	• The Lied Center • Remainder to you or your heirs
GIFTS THAT PROVIDE AN INCOME TO YOU	Charitable Gift Annuity	• One or two annuitant beneficiaries • Remainder to the Lied Center
	Charitable Remainder Trust	• One or two beneficiaries • Remainder to the Lied Center
GIFTS THAT MAKE AN IMPACT AFTER YOUR LIFETIME	Charitable Bequest	The Lied Center
	Retained Life Estate	The Lied Center
	Retirement Plan Assets	The Lied Center
	Life Insurance	The Lied Center

ADVANTAGES

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make an immediate impact • See your gift make a difference • Receive a charitable deduction on your income tax |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May provide income, gift or estate tax savings • Freezes taxable value of appreciating assets before they pass to beneficiaries |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive a charitable deduction on your income tax • Save on estate taxes • Save on capital gains taxes • Provides a fixed lifetime income for you or your named beneficiary |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save on estate taxes • Simple to implement |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save on estate taxes • Receive a charitable deduction on your income tax • Continue to live on the property during your lifetime |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May reduce heirs' income tax • May reduce estate tax liability |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May receive a charitable deduction on your income tax • May allow for a larger gift to the Lied Center |

Estate planning checklist

- Make or update your will
- Make a living will
- Create durable powers of attorney
- Consider establishing a trust
- Buy or update life insurance
- Create a list of financial accounts
- List the location of valuable documents
- List your personal data
- List other income sources
- Verify account ownership and beneficiary designations
- Tell a trusted family member or friend the location of confidential and valuable items
- Provide easy access to your will and durable power of attorney

■ CONTACT US

The University of Nebraska Foundation's gift planning professionals are happy to work with you or your professional advisors. We can help you select the right giving tool to achieve the legacy you desire. Our professional services are without cost or obligation. You can contact us toll-free at:

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