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Fanfare

Creating your legacy at the Aspen Music Festival and School

HARDY SOCIETY MEMBER PROFILE

Mary Ann Hyde

After 100 years of an extraordinary life, Mary Ann Hyde passed away peacefully in December 2023. Mary Ann filled her life and the lives of her family and friends with kindness, her signature sense of style, and her love of music. She was a gracious hostess and had many memorable dinners and parties, frequently featuring live music by AMFS students.



Throughout her life, Mary Ann gave generously of her time and resources to support the arts. Her many interests included the National Society of Arts and Letters, Washington's National Democratic Club, Bethesda Garden Club, Congressional Country Club, and other prominent Washington-area organizations. Her love of skiing brought the family to Aspen full time in 1969. She was a member of the Society of Fellows at The Aspen Institute, and she supported the Aspen Music Festival and School by serving on the Board of Trustees, as chair of the opening gala for Harris Concert Hall in 1993, and as a member of our National Council for the remainder of her life. She loved attending the Sunday afternoon concerts and enjoyed getting to know the musicians, including her favorites, Pinchas Zukerman, Bobbie McDuffie, and Sarah Chang.

Mary Ann took her legacy seriously, working on her estate plans for decades. She worked with an estate planning team to make sure her wishes were detailed and her intentions were well-documented. She believed that careful advanced planning was important for her family. Her gift to the AMFS was made in recognition of her love of music and to celebrate her life at a summer Festival concert. We are honored to be part of her legacy and to help her friends and family come together to celebrate Mary Ann during this 75th anniversary season.

Your will. Your gift. Your way.

Choose how you shape the future.

"What do you want to be when you grow up?" When you were a child, chances are good that a well-meaning adult asked you this question at least once. In high school or college, the question likely changed to what you wanted to study and what work you wanted to pursue. At their heart, these questions all get at something deeper: What do you see as your purpose?

For most of us, regardless of vocation or season of life, our purpose includes making an impact for the good of others. This doesn't have to be a life-changing pursuit. In fact, you can easily use your will to help others in meaningful ways. A thoughtfully executed will lets you shape the future and benefit family members, loved ones, and favorite charities in a personal, intentional, and deeply satisfying way.

This edition of *Fanfare* contains information about will planning and ways you can make an impact at the Aspen Music Festival and School. We encourage you to reach out to learn more. Ask for our free brochure, *Flexible Giving and Your Will*, or request our helpful *Will and Estate Planning Guide*. The AMFS now also offers free access to several different legal vehicles, including the ability to create a will, through our partnership with Giving Docs. Read more about planned giving on our website under the Support tab.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity. We are happy to help you explore ways to reach your charitable goals.

Sincerely yours,



Alan Fletcher
President and CEO



Your will is personal

Planning a will is typically regarded as a responsibility, but it is also an opportunity to ensure that your personal goals are understood and ultimately achieved.

Plan with others in mind

Planning your will is well worth the time and thought you put into it. By choosing how your assets will be distributed, you determine the ways in which you will help and support others. Whether giving a specific asset to a loved one or providing future support for AMFS, creating a will that is unique to your circumstances and reflects your heartfelt wishes can provide great personal satisfaction.

Specificity is important. For example, you may have family heirlooms that you want to leave to particular family members, or you may have a dependent loved one you wish to provide for in a certain way. Your will can include the necessary instructions and provisions to reach these goals, along with many others. Your will can also help you meet your philanthropic goals without impacting your current finances or diminishing your commitment to loved ones.

Understand your will's importance

A will gives you the opportunity to:

- 1. Make key decisions.** Your will is a vital legal document that directs your final affairs. You have the opportunity to choose an executor, make planning choices that may minimize taxes and ease estate administration, identify a guardian for minor children, and so on.
- 2. Provide for people and organizations you care about.** Failing to create a will means your estate settlement and asset distribution will be governed solely by state law, with no consideration for the

unique ways you want to provide for others. Without a will, the people and organizations you care about can be left with nothing.

- 3. Ensure peace of mind.** Putting clear, thoughtful instructions in place will provide great peace of mind for you and your family members. Your loved ones will know that you have made careful decisions and provided clear instructions, relieving them of the burden of making those decisions at a difficult time and perhaps without full knowledge of your wishes.

Update to reflect life changes

Your will is flexible. You can adjust it throughout your lifetime to reflect changes in your family situation, needs, and goals. Amending your will doesn't have to be a difficult or complicated task. Consult with your attorney—it may not even be necessary to create a new will.

The Gordon and Lillian Hardy Planned Giving Society

If you have already paid us the highest compliment by including us in your estate plan, please let us know so we can welcome you into the Gordon and Lillian Hardy Planned Giving Society. Members receive recognition in the AMFS summer program book, on the website, and in our newsletter, as well as an invitation to a summer reception.



Will planning tips and tools

A will directs your final legal affairs and documents a plan for helping others through the thoughtful distribution of your assets. We gladly offer the following tools to help you consider your options, inventory your assets, and start creating your will.

Know your giving options

A gift in your will can be a key component of your personal legacy, shaping how you are remembered. It is a comfortable commitment—it doesn't impact your current finances, and you can change it in the future if your circumstances or goals change. It is also flexible. You can support transformational and inspirational musical experiences by designating a gift of:

- A specific amount or asset
- A specified percentage of your estate or of a select portion of your assets
- What is left in your estate after all other debts and obligations are met

When you choose to make a gift in your will, you can also direct how you want your gift to be used. Please let us know if you are considering such a gift—we want to be certain we understand your goals, and we can provide you with the legal language you'll use to clearly designate the gift. For more information on how to tailor a gift in your will to your own goals and circumstances, use the reply card to request our free brochure, *Flexible Giving and Your Will*.

Inventory your assets

Once you determine how to distribute assets, you need to know what assets are available. Making an asset inventory sounds simple, but doing it well requires thoughtful diligence.

As you work through the process of creating your inventory, do not be surprised if your list becomes longer than you imagined. The reward for your careful attention is that you develop a big-picture view of what you have available to meet your specific goals. You may find that you can do more for others (including charitable organizations like the AMFS) than you originally thought. Our free *Will and Estate Planning Guide* can be extremely helpful in walking you through this process. This simple, standalone PDF document is sent to you with blank spaces for you to add your own information and save on your own computer—no information from this document is accessible to anyone but you!

Get started creating your will

The next steps to take will depend on you. It might be advisable to hire an estate planning attorney if you have a large and multi-faceted estate, complex plans for distributing your assets, the need to arrange for long-term care for a beneficiary, or an ownership share in a business.

If your estate is uncomplicated, you might consider an online will-making tool. The Aspen Music Festival and School has recently started a partnership with Giving Docs, a digital estate planning platform that makes it easy to create a simple will. Anyone who is interested in this tool may create an account and have free lifetime access to online estate planning tools and other legal vehicles. You do not have to include the AMFS in your planning and you do not need to disclose your private information to us—it is simply our gift to you!

Please learn more at www.aspenmusicfestival.com/givingdocs.

Your will is powerful

Your will is personal, purposeful, and also powerful. It provides the means to achieve important goals and set an example for others, shaping a legacy of caring. It is an easy, flexible way to make an impact for good—helping loved ones and furthering the AMFS scholarships, programs, performances, and festivals you hold dear.

If you haven't updated your existing will recently, consider a review to make certain your choices and instructions reflect your current goals and needs. If you do not have a will, take the first step today—learn more with our free brochure, *Flexible Giving and Your Will*, and make the task easier with our helpful *Will and Estate Planning Guide*. When you are ready, consider using the Giving Docs online tool to create your own will.

Thank you for considering the Aspen Music Festival and School in your planning.

Take note of your beneficiary designations

Your will is not the only way to make a legacy gift to us. Another simple option is to name the Aspen Music Festival and School as the beneficiary of a retirement account, life insurance policy, bank account, or other financial account. You can name us as the primary beneficiary, a secondary or contingent beneficiary, or a percentage beneficiary. It is typically easy to update your beneficiary designations—simply contact your advisors for the appropriate forms and instructions.

THE GORDON AND LILLIAN HARDY PLANNED GIVING SOCIETY

Gordon Hardy, longtime administrator and key supporter of the Aspen Music Festival and School, gave a lifetime of service, hard work, and loyalty to the world of music. During his 28-year tenure with the AMFS, Hardy also left a rich philanthropic legacy. He and his wife, Lillian, were dedicated to the music world. In salute to the legacy of the Hardys, the Gordon and Lillian Hardy Planned Giving Society honors those donors who have given us the highest compliment—including the AMFS in their estate plans.

MEMBER LIST as of 4.1.2024 (*denotes deceased)

Estate of Dr. John E. Amos	Linda B. and Eugene Kalnitsky
Pamela Gross and Charles Anderson	Jane Kessler*
Nadine Asin	Estate of Bob Klineman
Thomas H. Baer	Estate of Christine H. Leister
Susan Beckerman	Dr. and Mrs. Harold Leventhal
Melissa Eisenstat and Jonathan Blau	Nancy R. Levi
Estate of Mark A. Bradley	Estate of Mary Crouch Lilly
Dr. Eugene L. Brand	Phyllis and Saul Lowitt
Stephen Brint and Mark Brown	Mona Look-Mazza and Tony Mazza
Kay Bucksbaum	Estate of Elaine and James McDade
Helen and Phil Burnett	Joyce McGilvray
Jon Busch	Lydia Morrongiello
Dr. Janet Claman	Bert Neirick
NancyBell Coe and William Burke	Estate of Heinz G. Neumann
Noël Congdon*	Ann and Bill* Nitze
Evelyn R. David*	Drs. Amy D. Ronner and Michael P. Pacin
Adelaide* and James Davis	Jean and Allen* Parelman
Sheryl and Michael DeGenring	Merbie and Tom Payne
Lee W. Dorsey	Estate of Virginia Pearce
Estate of Merle Dulien	Terry Lee and Bill Perich
Montae and Richard Johnson*	Lt. Col. and Mrs. R. L. Pickard*
Charles B. Edison Memorial,	Estate of Jean and Yale Pokress
Mrs. Charles B. Edison*	Martha Aarons and Lev Polyakin
Gary A. Fisher and Judy Fisher Family Trust	Marilynn and Charles Rivkin
Alan Fletcher and Ron Schiller	Noyes W. Rogers
Jane and Bill Frazer	Betty* and Lloyd Schermer
Rich and Riley Garvin	Estate of Vera Sears
Mary E. Giese	Pamela Shockley-Zalabak
Barbara and Gary Goldstein	Eric Simon
Estate of Loette Goodell	Alicia and Alan Sirkin
Howard Gottlieb	Estate of Freda Gail Stern
Christine Grad, M.D.	Norma and Don Stone
Mark Gurule	Marcia Strickland
Estate of Lillian and Gordon Hardy	Barbara C. and Robert P. Sypult
Shirley and Barnett C. Helzberg, Jr.	Estate of Magda B. Tenser
Casady M. Henry	Michael Teschner
Juliane Heyman*	Estate of Mimi C. Teschner
Shirley Holst	The Barbara Koval Trust
Soledad and Robert Hurst	Leslie and Joe Waters
Mary Ann Hyde*	Estate of Cynthia and Gerald Weinbrum
Larry Isaacson	Laura Werlin
Estate of Mary H. Kalmes	Kay and Ken* Whiting



Celebrate the power of music

We are extremely grateful for those who support our work and provide joy to those who teach, play, and listen at the AMFS. If you are considering making a gift to the AMFS in your will, use the reply card to request one or both of the following:

- The *Will and Estate Planning Guide* walks you through the process of creating or updating your will.
- *Flexible Giving and Your Will* explains how to tailor a gift in your will to your own goals and circumstances.



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