

# TOMORROW AND

GIFTS IN WILLS: THE TOMORROW  
& TOMORROW BEQUEST CIRCLE

# TOMORROW

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SHAKESPEARE



"SHAKESPEARE TEACHES US TO THINK BIG,  
TO BE DARING AND ADMIT NO LIMITATIONS."

John Bell AO



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# SHAKESPEARE'S WORK IS AN EXTRAORDINARY LEGACY THAT CONTINUES TO INSPIRE AUDIENCES.

In theatres, classrooms and communities, these plays serve as a beacon. At Bell Shakespeare, we witness students delving into the plays and finding resonance with their own personal journeys. Teachers guide their students on transformative explorations, fostering a love of language and storytelling and encouraging critical thought. Communities forge connections that inspire a shared appreciation of humanity and contribute to a more inclusive and empathetic world.



# YESTERDAY

Right from the beginning, the vision of our Founding Artistic Director, John Bell AO, was supported philanthropically by wonderful individuals, notably our Founding Benefactor, the late Anthony Gilbert AO.

Tony came to John in 1990 and said he had some money to put aside that he would like to see used to provide more opportunities for Australians to engage with Shakespeare.

“What should I do with the money?” he asked. “Start a scholarship or a foundation?”

“No.” John said. “What you should do is start a theatre company.”

Later in life, Tony made the heartfelt statement, “I wish I could be more certain

that, as I nod off, I will feel on the back of my neck, the hot breath of like-minded successors. They will be intent on the same enjoyment and satisfaction that I have experienced.”

After many years of generous support, Tony Gilbert included Bell Shakespeare in his will. We invite you to do the same and make the impact of our programs part of your legacy. You will be ensuring a secure future for generations of students, teachers and communities to experience the transformational power of this work.







## TODAY

“It is the broad societal impact of Bell Shakespeare’s work that reaffirms our commitment to leave something behind, content that our own legacy will continue to support such work.”

Tomorrow & Tomorrow Bequest Circle Member

Bell Shakespeare has grown beyond all expectations into Australia’s only truly national theatre company specialising in the works of William Shakespeare.

We deliver world-class performances, artist development initiatives and unrivalled education and access programs across

the country, from iconic cities to remote communities.

Our mission has remained the same: to ensure all Australians have access to live theatre experiences and Shakespeare’s timeless works.

# THE TOMORROW & TOMORROW BEQUEST CIRCLE

We are humbled by the support of those who intend to leave a gift in their will to Bell Shakespeare.

The Tomorrow & Tomorrow Bequest Circle is our way of saying thank you for such an extraordinary gesture. By notifying us of your generous intention to include a gift in your will, you will automatically be included. You will be invited to special events throughout the year with our community of supporters and we will acknowledge you in our printed publications and on our website.

If you are considering leaving a gift to Bell Shakespeare in your will and would like to discuss the process, we invite you to contact us via email at [giving@bellshakespeare.com.au](mailto:giving@bellshakespeare.com.au) or call (02) 8220 7523 for a confidential conversation with a member of our philanthropy team.

# HOW TO LEAVE A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

The most common way to remember Bell Shakespeare in your will is:

- The sum of dollars: Specifying an amount to leave to Bell Shakespeare.
- The residue of your estate: Everything left over in an estate after payment of all debts, expenses and specific gifts.
- % of your estate: A nominated portion of your estate.

You may find the following wording helpful when arranging your bequest. This is not, however, offered as legal advice, which should be obtained from a lawyer.

I bequeath Bell Shakespeare:

- The sum of dollars

OR

- The residue of my estate

OR

- % of my estate

To be used for the principal purpose of Bell Shakespeare. The receipt of an authorised officer of the Company for the time being will be a full discharge to my trustees for the legacy and my trustees shall not be obliged to see to its application.





## TOMORROW, AND TOMORROW

Your support will enable us to continue exploring, sharing, and reimagining the works of William Shakespeare.

We will continue working to inspire and engage audiences by bringing Shakespeare's timeless works to life through innovative and artistically excellent

productions and globally recognised education programs.

Just like Shakespeare's work, your decision to leave a bequest will have an enduring impact across Australia and ensure we can continue to provide modern perspectives on timeless truths.



## CONTACT FORM

Please tell us if you wish to include Bell Shakespeare in your will or if you would like more information. Your reply will be treated with the strictest confidence.

Name

Please tick whichever box feels appropriate

Address

☐ I/ We have included Bell Shakespeare in my/our will

Telephone

☐ I/ We intend to include Bell Shakespeare in my/our will

Email

☐ I/We would like to know more about joining Bell Shakespeare's Tomorrow & Tomorrow Bequest Circle

Please return this form to  
Bell Shakespeare  
Reply Paid 10 Millers Point NSW 2000

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via email at [giving@bellshakespeare.com.au](mailto:giving@bellshakespeare.com.au)



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