



There are many easy and beneficial ways you can give to OperaDelaware including making an individual donation of any amount, giving to one of our Memorial or Tribute Funds (or starting your own), designating a bequest, supporting one of our Special Events, becoming a Corporate Partner, or making an in-kind donation.

For more information about any one of the following giving opportunities, call Carin Brastow, Director of Development at (302)658-8063 ext. 3260.

Annual Fund

Individual donors to OperaDelaware receive many benefits including recognition in programs and invitations to special events. To view Member levels and benefits click: http://www.operade.org/OD_Annual_Fund.pdf

The Puccini Challenge

Be one of the first to symbolically direct your gift to a part of OperaDelaware's expenses, and receive special recognition in our programs. Future annual gifts to *The Puccini Challenge* will be dedicated to funding everything heard and seen in classrooms or onstage: Education, Costumes and Scenery, Orchestra, or Emerging Artists.

Matching Gifts

Many companies will double (or sometimes triple) the value of their employee's gifts. If your company or firm has a matching gift program, simply enclose the form along with your contribution.

Gifts of Stock

If you own stock, it is almost always more tax-wise to contribute stock than cash. This is because a gift of appreciated stock generally offers a two-fold tax savings. First, you avoid paying any capital gains tax on the increase in value of the stock. Second, you receive an income tax charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the stock at the time of the gift.

If you are interested in transferring stock for your 2008 donation – please read the following information. OperaDelaware holds accounts with several Brokerage Services: Wilmington Brokerage Service, Morgan Stanley and Charles Schwab. Feel free to contact them directly at the following numbers and they will walk you through the process – Wilmington Brokerage Service (302)651-1011, Morgan Stanley (302)657-2022 or Charles Schwab's 1-800-435-4000.

We urge you to discuss all of your tax planning with your accountant or other professional advisor!

Planned Giving

Bequests

Bequest designations of retirement plan assets, property and life insurance policies are essential to ensuring that OperaDelaware will be around for generations to come. If you have named OD in your will or estate plans, please let us know so we can welcome you to *The Heritage Club*. To remember OD in your plan, OD should be named as: *OperaDelaware, a nonprofit organization and existing under the law as of the state of Delaware, and with principal business address of : 818 North Market Street -- Floor 2R, Wilmington, DE 19801. OD's tax identification number is 51-6018055.*

Memorial and *The Perfect Gift* Funds

OperaDelaware can create Memorial and tribute funds for patrons who wish to make donations in honor of someone special. Gifts can be given for any special occasion including birthdays, holidays or anniversaries, or in memory of those who have passed away. To view *The Perfect Gift* form click:

<http://www.operade.org/PerfectGift.pdf>

IRA Gifts

Through December 31, 2008 only if you are over the age of 70 ½ you can make an out-right gift from your traditional or Roth IRA.

Corporate

It's relatively simple for a business of any size to form with OperaDelaware a partnership that yields returns for your business, our Company and the community. Such a collaboration enables your business to

- Reach new customers and markets in the ever-growing counties of Delaware and surrounding communities.
- Enhance your name recognition and its reputation as a concerned citizen of the community.
- Attract and retain the kind of employees that live in stimulating communities
- Enhance relationships with existing and new costumers by entertaining them at the opera.
- Enrich the quality of life in your community.

For as little as a \$250 donation, OperaDelaware will acknowledge your company's generosity to our audience of nearly 15,000 savvy patrons. Whether your focus is on education, distinctive client entertainment, employee rewards or visibility and promotional opportunities, OperaDelaware can customize a package that will help you meet your corporate goals.

In-kind Donations

You can also support OperaDelaware through a wide array of non-cash donations. Below are items and services that would be of great use to the company. And we are more than happy to exchange unique promotional opportunities for your gifts. These items can be donated to OperaDelaware as a tax-deductible gift in-kind. If you would like to make an in-kind donation, contact Carin Brastow via phone (302) 658-8063 ext. 3260 or emial at cbrastow@operade.org.

Services

- Dry Cleaning Services
- Car/truck Rental
- Airline Miles
- Cleaning Services for the Studio
- Web Design and Maintenance

Office

- New Letter Folder/Folding Machine
- New Desktop Computers
- New phone with Answering Machine for the Studio

Production

- Paint Supplies
- Sewing Supplies
- Lumber
- Storage Space

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