

The Victoria Conservatory of Music (VCM) owes its existence to an individual who demonstrated the foresight and commitment to music in our community, our founder, **Mrs. Alix Goolden**. Her gift to the VCM was a living legacy used for establishing a concert hall which is now one of the finest in the region. Mrs. Goolden was an inspiration to many including her family who continue to support her vision and provide for the future of the VCM.

Alan and Christina Eastwood also share that foresight of leaving a legacy to our musical community, knowing that the VCM will continue to keep music education affordable to all, provide financial assistance through scholarships and bursaries and deliver one of the most respected music therapy programs in North America.

As a former economist for the provincial government, Alan knows the value of long term planning and Christina, as a former medical technician, knows the importance of taking care of yourself for the future. This couple have dedicated their retirement years to sustainable living, organic gardening and working within the local community. This also includes their shared love of music.

As gardeners they have a deep connection to the land and it follows that music goes just as deep. Behind the scenes of every musical performance, there are always hardworking volunteers putting in the time needed to bring music to the community. This is Alan and Christina 'in spades', and they have demonstrated this commitment by volunteering for the Sidney Classical Orchestra, knowing that so many of our musical masters stem from a connection within the Victoria Conservatory of Music.

Alan and Christina have chosen to remember the VCM in their will. It seemed a natural decision to ensure that music will be kept alive for others in their community. Their legacy gift will benefit the VCM Endowment Fund, generating an annual income to meet the future costs of delivering music programs to people of all ages and abilities.

Imagine what a difference this will make to so many people, many years from now. The Eastwoods are creating and living their legacy right now. We hope their story will inspire you to do the same.

The Encore Legacy Society was established to recognize those who have left a legacy gift for the future of the VCM. Legacy gifts will help to ensure we will have the resources necessary to achieve our mission long into the future:

"To enrich lives through music in a thriving community accessible to all"



We want to honour our local community, and our shared love of music, to ensure others will benefit from the VCM in the future."

If you would like more information about making a bequest to the Victoria Conservatory of Music, please contact **Judi James**:

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If you have recently included the VCM in your bequest, we would love to hear your story.

Please consult your own financial advisor to determine the most appropriate gift that is right for you.