



Sydney Festival Donor Guidelines

Sydney Festival is committed to the highest ethical standards in its fundraising efforts. In alignment with this commitment, we invite our donors to adhere to the following principles to ensure a positive and respectful philanthropic partnership.

1. Ethical Giving

- Donations should be made voluntarily and in good faith, with no expectation of undue influence over Sydney Festival's artistic or operational decisions.
- Contributions should align with Sydney Festival's mission, values, and commitment to diversity, inclusion, and accessibility.
- Donors must not request or expect preferential treatment, special access, or benefits beyond those explicitly outlined in donor recognition programs.

2. Compliance with Legal and Ethical Standards

- Donations must be sourced from legal and ethical means. Sydney Festival reserves the right to decline contributions that may compromise its integrity or reputation.
- Donors agree to comply with all relevant laws and regulations related to charitable giving.

3. Respectful Engagement

- Sydney Festival welcomes philanthropic partnerships based on mutual respect. Donors should engage with staff, volunteers, and stakeholders in a professional and courteous manner.
- Harassment, discrimination, or coercion of any kind toward Sydney Festival staff, artists, volunteers, or other donors will not be tolerated.

4. Transparency and Accountability

- Donors may expect transparency regarding the use of their contributions and are encouraged to review Sydney Festival's Audited Financial Report for detailed financial reporting.
- Sydney Festival will honour donor restrictions regarding the use of funds, provided they align with the Festival's mission. If a restriction cannot be accommodated, the donation may be returned.
- Sydney Festival will not sell, disclose, or distribute donor personal information without explicit consent, in compliance with privacy laws.

5. Independence and Artistic Integrity

- Donations should not be used to exert pressure on programming decisions, artist selection, or the governance of Sydney Festival.
- Sydney Festival retains full discretion over the allocation and use of funds, ensuring alignment with strategic and artistic priorities.

6. Ethical Fundraising Practices

- Sydney Festival does not engage in unsolicited solicitations via telephone or door-to-door fundraising. Donors should be aware of and report any fraudulent activity misrepresenting the Festival.
- Donations should not come with conditions that could bring reputational risk to Sydney Festival or conflict with its values.

7. Reporting and Resolution of Concerns

- Any concerns regarding fundraising practices, donor recognition, or the use of funds can be directed to the Philanthropy Sub-Committee.
- Sydney Festival reserves the right to refuse, return, or reallocate donations in cases where the donor fails to adhere to these guidelines.

By supporting Sydney Festival, donors play an essential role in the vitality of the arts in Australia. We appreciate your commitment to upholding these principles as we work together to create a vibrant and inclusive Festival for all.