

Planned Giving and the Visionary Society

Planned Giving allows for a variety of opportunities to support the mission of the Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis long into the future. These tax-deductible donations may take the form of pledges, donations of securities, tangible personal property, and real estate, as well as bequests, adding your legacy to the future of CAM.

Founded by civic and cultural leaders in 1980, CAM has transformed from a small gallery into an internationally recognized arts institution, now permanently housed in a flexible, open, and inviting building designed by renowned American architect Brad Cloepfil. To honor the founders of the Museum and their legacy, the Board of Directors created the Visionary Society to publicly recognize and honor the individuals who have decided to include CAM in their financial plans or estate. When you join the Visionary Society you are making a commitment to ensure contemporary art and its prominence in St. Louis is fostered well into the future.

Visionary Society benefits:

- Recognition in printed materials
- Invitations to special events
- Annual tour and reception with Executive Director or Chief Curator

Bequest Language for Donors

The following is intended to help you and your attorney in drafting a bequest that satisfies your individual interests.

As you consult your attorney on the selection of appropriate wording to reflect your own goals and intentions regarding the Museum, be sure the organization's correct legal name appears in all final documents as:

“Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis, a Missouri nonprofit corporation, or its successor, Federal Tax Identification Number:43-1202816.”

A General Bequest of a stated sum of money may be worded:

“I give to the Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis, a Missouri nonprofit corporation, or its successor, Federal Tax Identification Number 43-1202816, [insert here the exact dollar amount].”

A Specific Bequest of a certain asset from your estate may be worded:

“I give to the Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis, a Missouri nonprofit corporation, or its successor, Federal Tax Identification Number 43-1202816, [insert here a description of the particular property].”

A Residuary Bequest, after other bequests and expenses have been paid, may be worded:

“I give to the Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis, a Missouri nonprofit corporation, or its successor, Federal Tax Identification Number 43-1202816, all [or a portion] of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate.”

A Contingent Bequest if the Testator is not survived by certain individuals:

“If [name/s of primary beneficiary/ies] do/es not survive me, or shall die within ninety (90) days from the date of my death, or as a result of a common disaster, then I give to the Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis, a Missouri nonprofit corporation, or its successor, Federal Tax Identification Number 43-1202816, [insert here the exact dollar amount, description of the property, or percentage of the residual estate].”

These are general guidelines. Please consult your attorney or other estate professionals.