

MCA
MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART

BEQUESTS

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BEQUESTS AT THE MCA

In 1939, Dr John Joseph Wardell Power bequeathed his art collection and estate to the University of Sydney, with the desire that they be used to inform and educate Australians in the contemporary visual arts. The visionary Power Bequest has grown into the Museum of Contemporary Art as we know it today.

The MCA is the only museum in Australia dedicated to exhibiting, collecting and interpreting both local and international contemporary art. Located on one of Australia's most iconic sites at Sydney's Circular Quay West, the MCA is a hub for creative learning and a world renowned and locally loved institution.

Bequests are playing an increasingly important role in securing the future of institutions like the MCA. As a not for profit organisation, the Museum relies on the generosity of individuals to ensure the success of its exhibition and education programs. Your gift will allow the Museum to build and preserve the collection of Australian artists for future generations to enjoy.

Your bequest really will make a difference to the cultural future of Australia.

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THE MCA BEQUEST CIRCLE

In recognition of your commitment to the future of the MCA, you will become part of the MCA Bequest Circle and receive invitations to special events each year. Upon joining you will be credited in our exclusive quarterly publication *Art Matters*, and in the Annual Report.

In the future, when the bequest is received you will be remembered on the MCA Bequest Circle acknowledgement board in the MCA foyer*, or if you would prefer your bequest will remain anonymous.

While we welcome all levels of bequest, enrolment into the MCA Bequest Circle starts with planned bequests of \$20,000+.

* The number of years you will be credited will depend on the level of gift made.

MCA Collection: The work by Maria Fernanda Cardoso is part of the MCA collection which is a valued resource and core part of the MCA's activities. The MCA aims to increase the use of its collections through innovative exhibitions, quality publications, touring projects and education. Through its collection activities the MCA supports living Australian artists while also promoting the importance of Australian art for future generations.

Image: Maria Fernanda Cardoso *Woven Water: Submarine Landscape I* 2003 preserved starfish, galvanised steel wire Museum of Contemporary Art, purchsed with the assistance of Geoff and Vicki Ainsworth, and donors at the 2005 Bella Dinner, 2006 © the artist

MAKING A BEQUEST

Outlined below are some of the types of bequests you may wish to consider.

- *General bequests* are usually sums of money or percentages of the value of your estate made to a particular person or organisation such as the Museum of Contemporary Art.

- *Specific bequests* are gifts of particular pieces of property.

- *Residual bequests* are the remainder of your estate after the *general* and *specific* bequests have been paid. For instance, you may leave bequests to your family and friends and state in your will that the residual bequest (the residue of your estate) be made to an organisation.

- If you have already made a will but wish to modify it to benefit the MCA, a *codicil* allows you to alter some of the terms of the original will without having to change the entire document.

The most useful type of bequest is one intended for the general purposes of the MCA as it permits the Museum to direct your gift to wherever it is most needed at the time, and therefore provide the most benefit.

However, if you would prefer your bequest to be directed towards a particular area of interest such as education programs, exhibitions or an endowment we would be delighted to discuss the options with you. ¹

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WORKS OF ART

If you are considering bequeathing a work of art to the Museum it is advisable to contact the MCA curatorial department first. The Individual Giving Manager can put you in touch with the appropriate person, please call 02 9245 2414.

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ADVISING US OF YOUR INTENTIONS

If you are planning a bequest to the MCA or have already remembered the Museum in your will, and you would like to join the MCA Bequest Circle, please let us know by filling out and returning the attached form so that we can recognise you as a member as soon as possible.

Knowing your intentions will also allow us to confidently plan for the future.

SUGGESTED WORDING

The Museum has provided the following information for people intending to leave money or property to the Museum of Contemporary Art. However, we strongly recommend that you seek legal advice when making a will or changing an existing will to benefit the MCA.

"I bequeath (the sum of_____ dollars) or (all of the residuary of my estate) or (_____ percent of the residuary of my estate), to the Museum of Contemporary Art for its general purposes."

¹ If you wish to make a bequest for a specific purpose, please conside the wording below:

"I bequeath (the sum of ____ dollars) or (all of the residuary of my estate) or (____ percent of the residuary of my estate), to the Museum of Contemporary Art with a request that it be used for _____."

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CONTACT US

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your options further, please contact:

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Name _____

Address _____

Telephone_____ Fax _____

Email _____

- I have made /intend to make a bequest to the Museum of Contemporary Art
- I would like to discuss a specific bequest to the Museum of Contemporary Art