



About the Ivan and Judith Galaman Circle



What is planned giving?

Planned giving allows you to support Meadowmount through a charitable gift arranged now but fulfilled later—often as part of your will, estate plan, or long-term financial planning. These gifts can provide lasting impact while also offering potential financial benefits to you and your estate.

What is The Ivan and Judith Galamian Circle?

The Ivan and Judith Galamian Circle is Meadowmount's planned giving program. It recognizes and celebrates individuals who make a commitment to Meadowmount through a gift in their will, estate plan, or through a transformational contribution. Members are honored for ensuring the long-term strength and vibrancy of the Meadowmount School of Music.

Can I designate my gift for a specific purpose?

Yes. Many donors choose to support scholarship funds, faculty initiatives, campus improvements, or other programs meaningful to them. You may also opt for an unrestricted gift, which allows Meadowmount to direct support where it is needed most.

What types of planned gifts does the Circle recognize?

- A bequest in your will or living trust
- Designating Meadowmount as a beneficiary of a retirement account or life insurance policy
- Non-cash assets given through estate planning.

Did you know...? Virginia Farmer left a sizable collection of instruments and bows to Meadowmount establishing a scholarship fund which provides a full scholarship to one violin student and one viola student each summer.

- Meadowmount does not currently manage charitable gift annuities or charitable remainder trusts

If you have a unique asset or other type of gift in mind, we are happy to discuss it with you.

Do I have to disclose the amount of my planned gift to join?

No. While we welcome the opportunity to understand your intentions, you are not required to share the size or details of your gift. A simple statement of intent is all that is needed to become a member of the Ivan and Judith Galamian Circle.

Can my planned gift remain anonymous?

Absolutely. We respect and honor the wishes of donors who prefer to keep their intentions private. You can still enjoy Circle benefits without public recognition.

What benefits do Ivan and Judith Galamian Circle members receive?

Circle members will enjoy:

- Insider updates and exclusive briefings from Meadowmount leadership
- Recognition in the annual concert program and on the website
- Opportunity to participate in the 'Meadowmount Story Conservatory'
- Additional recognition and naming opportunities, including scholarship funds, endowed faculty chairs, and memory or honor plaques / designations.
- A complimentary Annual Meadowmount Calendar

What is the 'Meadowmount Story Conservatory'?

A beautifully crafted digital collection that shares the experiences, motivations, and stories of Meadowmount's notable alumni and friends. Through shared stories and images, Circle members are invited to become part of the enduring narrative that helps define Meadowmount now and for the future.

Do I need an attorney to create a planned gift?

It is generally advisable to consult with your attorney or financial advisor when creating or updating your will or estate plans. Meadowmount's staff is available to provide guidance on gift designations and language, but we cannot offer legal or financial advice.

How do I inform Meadowmount of my planned gift?

Simply contact us to share your intention. We can provide a brief, confidential form that records your membership in The Ivan and Judith Galamian Circle and ensures your wishes are understood and honored. We encourage you to let us know about your intentions because we would like to express our gratitude.

Who can I contact for more information?

Please reach out to:

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We would be grateful for the chance to speak with you, answer questions, and support you in creating a meaningful and lasting legacy at Meadowmount.

About The Society for Strings, Inc.

The Society for Strings, Inc. is the official name for the Meadowmount School of Music and is a registered 501(c)(3) public charity. Incorporated in 1952, the EIN number for The Society for Strings is 13-1686434. The Articles of Incorporation were signed by several notable individuals; Efrem Zimbalist, Curtis Institute of Music, William Schuman, Juilliard School of Music, Mark Schubart, Juilliard School of Music, Samuel Dushkin, Dorothy Delay, and Ivan Galamian. The Meadowmount School of Music is the 'doing business as' DBA name for the organization and there is a Certificate of Assumed Name on file with New York State.