

Utah Symphony | Utah Opera  
**DONOR BILL OF RIGHTS**  
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Philanthropy is based on voluntary action for the common good. It is a tradition of giving and sharing that is primary to the quality of life in the United States. To assure that philanthropy merits the respect and trust of the general public, and that donors and prospective donors can have full confidence in the not-for-profit organizations and causes they are asked to support, Utah Symphony | Utah Opera (USUO) declares that all donors have these rights:

1. To be informed of USUO's mission, of the way we intend to use donated resources, and of the organization's capacity to use donations effectively for their intended purposes;
2. To be informed of the identity of those serving on USUO's Board of Trustees, and to expect the board to exercise prudent judgement in its stewardship responsibilities;
3. To have access to USUO's most recent financial statements;
4. To be assured their gifts will be used for purposes for which they were given;
5. To receive appropriate, accurate, and timely acknowledgement and recognition;
6. To be assured that information about their donations is handled with respect and with confidentiality to the extent provided by the law;
7. To expect that all relationships with individuals representing USUO will be professional and respectful in nature;
8. To be informed whether those seeking donations are USUO volunteers, employees, or hired solicitors;
9. To have the opportunity for their names to be deleted from mailing lists should USUO intend to share them;
10. To feel welcome to ask questions when making a donation and to receive prompt, truthful, and forthright answers.