

NMPAT County Ensembles

Key dates, including residential courses and performances

Please make a note of the dates on which your County Ensemble have a course/performance confirmed. Each ensemble should have a performance every term. Any performances not listed are still awaiting confirmation of venues or dates.

This information is correct at the time of writing (July 2025) but may be still subject to changes and additions. We will always give you as much notice as possible before committing to additional events or changing events.

Further details will be emailed to you, from office@nmpat.co.uk, nearer to the time of each event listed here.

If you already know that you are not available on any of these dates, please tell your conductor(s) as soon as possible.

September 2025	Monday 1 st	Open evening for all NMPAT County Ensemble members, 4.00pm-6.00pm	New members are invited to come and look around the building and existing members are welcome to re-familiarise themselves
October 2025	Monday 27 th - Friday 31 st	Two day, one night, residential courses at the Frontier Centre, Irthlingborough	County Junior Brass Ensemble, County Training Brass Band, County Training Wind Orchestra County Junior Strings and County Training Orchestra County Junior Orchestra and County Junior Wind Orchestra
November 2025	Sunday 16 th	Youth in Concert at Derngate, Northampton, 6.00pm	County Youth Concert Band, County Youth Choir, County Youth Brass Band, County Youth Big Band and County Youth Orchestra
		World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims, Holy Sepulchre Church, 3.00pm	Tarrega Guitar Ensemble and County Chamber Choir
	Saturday 22 nd	Autumn Festival of Music at Spinney Theatre, Northampton, 3.00pm	County Training Orchestra, County Junior Brass Ensemble, County Junior Strings, County Junior Wind Orchestra, Jazz 2, Guitarlactica
		Autumn Festival of Music at Spinney Theatre, Northampton, 7.00pm	County Junior Orchestra, Zingaresque, County Training Brass Band, Jazz 3, County Training Wind Orchestra, County Chamber Strings
	Sunday 23 rd	National Concert Band Festival Midland Regional at Cripps Hall Theatre, Northampton	County Youth Big Band and County Youth Concert Band

December 2025	Tuesday 2 nd	Chamber Concert at Mount Pleasant Church, Northampton, 7.00pm	Clarinet Choir, Flute Choir, Sinfonia, Quartets, NYPE
	Wednesday 10 th	Choirs at Christmas at Northampton Cathedral, 7.00pm	County Youth Choir, NMPAT Singers, County Chamber Choir, Guys & Dolls, Tarrega Guitar Ensemble, NMPAT Community Choir
	Friday 19 th	End of Term Concert at Spinney Theatre, Northampton, 7.00pm	County Youth Concert Band and County Youth Orchestra
February 2026	Sunday 1 st	Big Band Night, Lighthouse Theatre, Kettering	Jazz 3, Jazz 2, County Youth Big Band, Jazz Matters
	Sunday 8 th	Guitarstravaganza at Cripps Hall Theatre, Northampton, 3.00pm	Guitarlactica, Tarrega Guitar Ensemble
March 2026	Sunday 8 th	Orchestra Spectacular at Derngate, Northampton, 6.00pm	County Junior Orchestra, County Training Orchestra, County Youth Orchestra
	Wednesday 11 th	Big Sing at Derngate, Northampton, 6.00pm	County Youth Choir, Guys & Dolls
	Saturday 14 th	Music for Youth Regional Festival at Spinney Theatre, Northampton	TBC.
	Sunday 15 th	Wind Band Spectacular at Derngate, Northampton, 6.00pm	County Junior Wind Orchestra, County Training Wind Orchestra, County Youth Concert Band
	Saturday 21 st & Sunday 22 nd	Music for Youth Regional Festival at Cripps Hall Theatre, Northampton	TBC.
	Saturday 28 th	National Youth Brass Band Championships, Birmingham	County Youth Brass Band, County Training Brass Band, County Junior Brass Ensemble
April 2026	Saturday 11 th – Sunday 12 th	National Concert Band Festival – Finals	County Youth Big Band and County Youth Concert Band, subject to invitation
	Sunday 19 th	Brass Festival at Spinney Theatre, Northampton. Time TBC.	County Youth Brass Band, County Training Brass Band, County Junior Brass Ensemble
	Wednesday 22 nd	Spring Song at Christ Church, Northampton, 7.00pm	County Youth Choir, County Chamber Choir, NMPAT Singers, Guys & Dolls, Community Choir, Tarrega Guitar Ensemble

May 2026	Wednesday 20 th	Big Sing at Derngate, Northampton, 6.30pm	County Chamber Choir
	Thursday 21 st	Big Sing at Derngate, Northampton, 6.30pm	NMPAT Singers
	Saturday 23 rd	NMPAT Careers Fair in the Upper Hall at NMPAT, 125 Kettering Road, 2.00pm-5.00pm	A chance to meet and talk to various employers based specifically in jobs and further education in performing arts
June 2026	Friday 12 th	Red Hot Jazz at The Venue, Brackley Town Football Club, 7.00pm	Jazz 2
	Tuesday 16 th	The Festival at Derngate, Northampton, 7.00pm	Zingaresque
	Wednesday 17 th	The Festival at Derngate, Northampton, 7.00pm	Guys & Dolls
	Saturday 20 th	Chamber Concert at St Benedict's Church, Northampton, 6.00pm	County Clarinet Choir, County Flute Choir, Quartets
July 2026	Wednesday 1 st	Summer Choral Festival at Christ Church, Northampton, 6.00pm	County Youth Choir, County Chamber Choir, Guys & Dolls, Community Choir
	Saturday 4 th	End of Year Concert at Spinney Theatre, Northampton, 6.00pm	County Youth Orchestra
	Sunday 5 th	New Generation Concert at Derngate, Northampton, 12.00noon	County Junior Orchestra, NMPAT Singers, County Junior Brass Ensemble, Jazz 3, County Junior Strings, County Junior Wind Orchestra
		Second Generation Concert at Derngate, Northampton, 6.00pm	County Training Wind Orchestra, Guitarlactica & Tarrega, County Training Brass Band, Jazz 2, County Training Orchestra, County Chamber Strings
	Tuesday 7 th – Thursday 9 th	Annual Auditions for County Ensembles	All members wishing to take part in County Ensembles 2026-27
	Sunday 12 th	Summer Winds and Brass at Cripps Hall Theatre, Northampton, 7.00pm	County Youth Brass Band and County Youth Concert Band
	Monday 13 th	Summer Strings at Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell, 7.00pm	Sinfonia