



Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust

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County Flute Choir 2025 – 2026

Thank you for accepting your place in the County Flute Choir! Whether you are a brand new member, or returning for another year, I'm looking forward to an exciting year of music-making with you. This letter, along with any other communication from us throughout the year, will be available on the NMPAT website, as well as being emailed directly to families: www.nmpat.co.uk/letters.

Rehearsals

Flute Choir rehearses on **Thursdays**, in Room 18, from **5.00 – 6.00pm**. Our first rehearsal of the year will be **Thursday 4th September**. Please bring along your normal flute – I may introduce additional auxiliary flutes throughout the year.

Access to the NMPAT building is controlled by a keypad. The code was included in the email to which this letter was attached. Please do not share this code with anyone, and, although it's tempting to be polite, try to avoid holding the door open for anyone that isn't in your group.

Please try to tell us in advance if you know you are not able to attend a rehearsal for any reason. The easiest way to do this is online, via iPresto. You can also email us or contact the main office on 01604 637117. We take online registers for all County Ensembles, using iPresto; this means that an automatically generated email will be sent home if you are not at a rehearsal and I don't already know that you are going to be absent.

Full details and term dates can be found on our website at www.nmpat.co.uk/countyensembles

Concerts

I will write prior to each concert and event, but wanted to get some dates in your diaries straight away. Please make a note of these dates and let us know in advance if you have any problems with them. The repertoire we play often splits up into individual parts, so knowing in advance will help to plan around any gaps that we might have, or highlight that we may need to look at alternative dates.

At the time of writing, these are the dates we know about for Flute Choir:

Tuesday 2nd December	Chamber Concert at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Northampton (7.00pm start)
Saturday 14th, 21st or Sunday 22nd March	Music for Youth Regional Festival (day / time tbc)
Saturday 20th June	Chamber Concert at St Benedict's Church, Northampton (6.00pm start)

The most up to date information on all NMPAT concerts and events can be found on our online events calendar, which you can also link to your own personal calendar: www.nmpat.co.uk/events

Concert Dress

Flute Choir performs in **all black** concert dress, with optional silver accessories. Please make sure your concert dress is appropriate and avoid things like black jeans, white socks etc.

Open evening

Before our first rehearsal, you are invited to come to the NMPAT open evening. Particularly if you are in a moving to a new group this year, you may like to familiarise yourself with a different part of the building before your first rehearsal. Anyone is welcome – families included – anytime from 4.00-6.00pm, on **Monday 1st September.**

The Friends of NMPAT

The Friends of Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust (FNMPAT) are an invaluable support to the work the County Ensembles, providing refreshments at rehearsals and concerts and arranging the sale of the ever-popular NMPAT Hoodies! Funds raised go towards subsidising the cost of travel to out-of-county events, and purchasing specialist instruments for use in County Ensembles.

The Friends need the involvement of parents and supporters to continue to provide all that they do, and any help is welcome. You will find members of the Friends in the Common Room / kitchen at NMPAT – do please have a conversation if you think you might be able to help in any way.

Thank you again for agreeing to play in County Flute Choir – I am looking forward to working with you this year and hope you enjoy being part of a chamber ensemble!

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