



Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust

October 2025

Autumn Festival of Music

To all students performing at the Autumn Festival of Music

We're looking forward to your first performance of the year and this letter provides all the information you need ahead of the day. There is a full schedule on page 2.

Time & date: 3.00pm and 7.00pm on Saturday 22nd November 2025

Venue: Spinney Theatre, Northampton School for Girls, Northampton, NN3 6DG

Tickets are available from TicketSource: [Autumn Festival of Music at Spinney Theatre, Northampton School for Girls event tickets from TicketSource](#) There is likely to be availability on the door as well.

- Single concert adult: £10 Double concert (Combo ticket) adult: £16
- Single concert child: £6 Double concert (Combo ticket) child: £10

Arrival: all students should enter via the main theatre entrance, where NMPAT staff will show them to the appropriate warm up area. It is recommended that students arrive in their concert dress, as changing facilities are limited.

Concert dress: full details can be found on page 2 of this letter. If you choose to wear a skirt or dress, it must be at least knee-length and worn with thick black (opaque) tights.

The Friends of NMPAT will be providing refreshments during the afternoon and evening. There will be hot and cold drinks as well as a selection of snacks. If you are able to help serve refreshments – before a concert, or during the interval – please get in touch with Simon May, Chairman: friends@nmpat.co.uk

The Friends will also be running a raffle and would welcome any donations for prizes. Please bring donations with you on the day, and there will be a table in the foyer to leave these items.

During the concert: we intend for all students to be able to sit in the auditorium, to watch and support the other performers. Please do not bring any electronic devices into the auditorium and remember that you may be sitting close to paying audience members. Students will be supervised by NMPAT staff for the duration of their time on site.

When not rehearsing or performing:

- **Students in junior ensembles** (CJS, CJBE, CJWO, Jazz 3, CJO) should stay on site at the theatre between their rehearsal and the concert – you may choose to bring a book or card game as well as a snack and plenty to drink.
- **Students in training ensembles** (Jazz 2, CTO, CTWO, CTBB, Zing, CCS, Gtrl) may only leave the theatre with written permission from a parent/carer. Please email your conductor in advance of the concert or bring a note on the day – a text message on a student's phone will not suffice. Those who choose to leave the theatre do so at their own risk. They should remain in groups of at least three, take care when crossing roads, and be back at Spinney Theatre at least 30 minutes before the start of their concert.

After the concert: students should be collected from the foyer area. NMPAT staff will bring them to the foyer – no other adults should enter the backstage area. Please remember to take all of your belongings and leave the warm up areas clean and tidy – as you find them.

Schedule:

1.00	CTO and all percussionists arrive	5.00	CTWO arrive
1.15	CJS arrive, CTO sound check	5.15	CCS arrive, CTWO sound check
1.30	CJBE arrive, CJS sound check	5.30	Jazz 3 arrive, CCS sound check
1.45	Jazz 2 arrive, CJBE sound check	5.45	CTBB arrive, Jazz 3 sound check
2.00	Gtrl arrive, Jazz 2 sound check	6.00	Zing arrive, CTBB sound check
2.15	CJWO arrive, Gtrl sound check	6.15	CJO arrive, Zing sound check
2.30	CJWO sound check	6.30	CJO sound check
2.40	Doors open to audience	6.40	Doors open to audience
3.00	Concert begins (there will be an interval)	7.00	Concert begins (there will be an interval)
4.50	Estimated end	9.00	Estimated end

Group	Arrival	Sound check	Concert dress
County Training Orchestra	12.45pm	1.00-1.15pm	All black with clean black shoes
County Junior Strings	1.00pm	1.15-1.30pm	Red CJS polo shirt, black trousers or skirt, black socks or tights, clean black shoes
County Junior Brass Ensemble	1.15pm	1.30-1.45pm	Coloured shirt or polo shirt, black trousers or skirt, black socks or tights, clean black shoes
Jazz 2	1.30pm	1.45-2.00pm	All black, including clean black shoes Optional 'jazzy' tie
Guitarlactica	1.45pm	2.00-2.15pm	All black with clean black shoes
County Junior Wind Orchestra	2.00pm	2.15-2.30pm	White shirt or blouse, black trousers or skirt, black socks or tights, clean black shoes

County Training Wind Orchestra	5.00pm	5.15-5.30pm	White shirt or blouse, black trousers or skirt, black socks or tights, clean black shoes Optional black bow tie
County Chamber Strings	5.15pm	5.30-5.45pm	All black with clean black shoes
Jazz 3	5.30pm	5.45-6.00pm	All black, including clean black shoes Optional 'jazzy' tie
County Training Brass Band	5.45pm	6.00-6.15pm	White shirt or blouse, black trousers or skirt, black socks or tights, clean black shoes
Zingaresque	6.00pm	6.15-6.30pm	All black, including clean black shoes Optional colourful accessories
County Junior Orchestra	6.15pm	6.30-6.45pm	White shirt or blouse, black trousers or skirt, black socks or tights, clean black shoes

Contact: NMPAT staff can be contacted on the day using the event phone: **01604 816311**
Details of all events can be found on our online events calendar: www.nmpat.co.uk/events

We are looking forward to performing with you soon!

NMPAT Conductors and Coaches