



Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust

January 2025

Spring Festival of Music: String Spectacular

To all students performing at String Spectacular

We're looking forward to your next performance and this letter provides all the information you need ahead of the day

Time & date: 6.30pm start on Saturday 7th February 2026

Venue: St Matthew's Church, Northampton, NN2 7JW

Ticket information: Tickets are priced at £10 (adults) and £6 (children/students) and are now available on TicketSource - <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/nmpat>

Arrival: all students should enter via the main church entrance, where NMPAT staff will show them to the relevant dressing rooms.

Running order – there is a summary for each group on page 2 of this letter

- 2.00 NMPAT staff arrival**
- 2.15 CYO Cellos arrive
- 2.30 CJS students arrive, CYO Cellos Sound Check
- 2.45 CJS sound check
- 3.00 CCS students arrive
- 3.15 CCS sound check
- 3.30 Sinfonia students arrive
- 3.45 Sinfonia sound check
- 4.15 Frontier String Groups students arrive
- 4.30 Frontier String Groups sound check
- 5.15 St Matthew's evening prayer – students to relocate to Church Hall
- 6.00 Doors open to audience
- 6.30 Concert starts**
 - CCS
 - CYO Cellos
 - CJS
- 7.30 Estimated interval** (15 mins)
 - Quartets performing in the foyer
- 7.45 Second half**
 - Frontier String Group 1
 - Frontier String Group 2
 - Sinfonia
- 8.30 Estimated end**

During the concert: when not performing, all students will be able to watch the other groups from reserved areas of the church. Students will be supervised by NMPAT staff for the duration of their time on site.

Supervision and free time: all students that remain on site at the church between the rehearsal and concert will be supervised by NMPAT staff.

- **CJS:** students may be collected from the church after the CJS sound check - those who do leave, need to be back at the church, in their concert dress, **by 5.30pm**. Students wishing to remain on site should bring plenty of refreshments and something quiet to do (e.g. a book or card game).
- **Sinfonia and CCS:** students may leave the site with written permission from a parent / carer. Please email your director in advance of the concert or bring a note on the day. They will need to be back on site, in concert dress **by 5:30pm**.

Group	Arrival time	Rehearsal time	Concert dress
CYO Cellos	2.15pm	2.30pm-2.45pm	Black trousers or skirt with black socks or tights, a plain black shirt or blouse and clean black shoes
County Junior Strings	2.30pm	2.45-3.15pm	Red CJS polo shirt with black bottom half
County Chamber Strings	3.00pm	3.15-3.45pm	Black trousers or skirt with black socks or tights, a plain black shirt or blouse and clean black shoes
Sinfonia	3.30pm	3.45-4.30pm	Black trousers or skirt with black socks or tights, a plain coloured shirt or blouse and clean black shoes
Frontier String Groups	4.15pm	4.30-5.15pm	Smart, warm clothes

Contact: NMPAT staff can be contacted on the day, if needed, using the event phone number: 01604 816311.

Details of all events can be found on our online events calendar: www.nmpat.co.uk/events

Looking forward to performing with you soon.

NMPAT String Team