



Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust

February 2026

Spring Festival of Music: Big Band Night

To all students and families in CYBigB, Jazz Matters, Jazz 2 and Jazz 3

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

Time & date: 6.00pm start on Sunday 1st March 2026

Venue: Castle Theatre, 10 Castle Way, Wellingborough, NN8 1PXA

Ticket information: Tickets are priced at £10 (adults) and £6 (children/students) and will be available from the Castle Theatre box office.

Website: [NMPAT Big Band Night - Castle Theatre | Parkwood Theatres](#)

Arrival: all students should enter via the stage door entrance on arrival (directly in front of the rear car park to the right), where NMPAT staff will show them to the relevant dressing rooms.

Running order:

- 2.00 Get in and set up
- 2.15 CYBigB rehearsal
- 3.00 Jazz 2 rehearsal
- 3.45 Jazz 3 rehearsal
- 4.30 Jazz Matters rehearsal
- 4.50 Joint CYBigB, Jazz 2 and Jazz 3 rehearsal
- 5.15 Stage clear
- 5.30 Doors open
- 6.00 Concert begins**
 - Jazz 3
 - Jazz 2
- 6.55 Approximate interval – Jazz Matters performance in foyer**
- 7.15 CYBigB
 - Joint CYBigB, Jazz 2 and Jazz 3 performance
- 8.15 Concert end (estimated)**

During the concert: when not performing, all students will be able to watch the other groups from the circle area of the theatre. 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 theatre between the rehearsal and concert will be supervised by NMPAT staff.

- **Jazz 3:** there will not be time for students to leave the site between rehearsal and performance so please ensure you bring plenty of refreshments and something quiet to do. Changing facilities are limited so please arrive in your concert dress.
- **Jazz 2:** students should only leave the site if they have written permission from a parent/carer – please email mbutler@nmpat.co.uk or bring a note on the day. All students should be back at the theatre by **4.45pm**, in their concert dress, for a joint rehearsal with the other bands. Students wishing to remain on site will need plenty of refreshments and something quiet to do (e.g. a book or card game)
- **CYBigB:** students choosing to leave the theatre will not be supervised by NMPAT staff and should remain in groups of at least three, taking care crossing roads etc. All students should be back at the theatre by **4.45pm**, in their concert dress, for a joint rehearsal with the other bands.

Group	Arrival time	Rehearsal time	Concert dress
County Youth Big Band	2.00pm	2.15-3.00pm	Smart, dark suits
Jazz 2	2.45pm	3.00-3.45pm	All black
Jazz 3	3.30pm	3.45-4.30pm	All black, optional “jazzy” tie!
Jazz Matters	4.15pm	4.30-4.50pm	Smart, suits

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

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

We look forward to performing with you soon.

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