

# NMPAT

Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust

February 2026

## Spring Festival of Music: Orchestra Spectacular

To all students and families in CJO, CTO and CYO

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 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**Venue:** Derngate Theatre, 19-21 Guildhall Road, Northampton, NN1 1DP

**Ticket:** Tickets are priced from £10-£20 and are available from the Derngate box office only:  
[NMPAT: Orchestra Spectacular - Royal & Derngate](#) 01604 624811

**Arrival:** all students should arrive and sign in at the Derngate stage door at the times given below. NMPAT staff will be on the door to welcome students and show them to the relevant dressing rooms. If leaving in between rehearsals and the concert start time, make sure to leave by the stage door and sign out.

**Running order** (a summary can be found on page 2)

- 1.30 NMPAT staff arrive with equipment van  
Student percussionists to help unload and set up
- 2.00 CYO students arrive
- 2.15 CYO rehearsal
- 3.00 CTO students arrive
- 3.15 CTO rehearsal
- 4.00 CJO students arrive
- 4.15 CJO rehearsal
- 5.15 Auditorium doors open to audience members
- 6.00 Concert begins**  
CJO  
CTO - (will remain backstage while CJO perform)
- 7.00 Estimated interval**  
CYO
- 8.00 Estimated concert end**

**During the concert:** all students will have seats reserved in the auditorium to watch the other groups performing. While CJO are performing, CTO will be back stage, warming up and getting ready to perform.

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

**CJO:** there will be no time to leave the site after your rehearsal, so please make sure you arrive in concert dress and bring a snack and plenty of water.

**CTO:** students should only leave the site if they have written permission from a parent/carer – please email [levans@nmpat.co.uk](mailto:levans@nmpat.co.uk) or bring a note on the day. A text message on a student’s phone will not suffice. If leaving the theatre, students should remain in groups of at least three and take care crossing roads etc. Students should be back at the theatre, in concert dress, by **5.30pm**.

Students wishing to remain on site will need plenty of refreshments and something quiet to do (e.g. a book or card game)

**CYO:** students choosing to leave the theatre should remain in groups of at least three and take care crossing roads etc. All students should be back at the theatre, in concert dress, by **5.30pm**.

<b>Group</b>	<b>Arrival time</b>	<b>Rehearsal time</b>	<b>Concert dress</b>
<b>County Junior Orchestra</b>	4.00pm	4.15-5.15pm	White shirt with black trousers/skirt and black socks/tights with black shoes
<b>County Training Orchestra</b>	3.00pm	3.15-4.15pm	All black
<b>County Youth Orchestra</b>	2.00pm	2.15-3.15pm	All black

**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](http://www.nmpat.co.uk/events)

We are all looking forward to performing with you soon.

Pam Carter, Sam Ebrahim, Lauren Evans, Tim Green, John Bickerdike, and Richard Smith

**Conductors of CJO, CTO, CYO**