



Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust

February 2026

Spring Festival of Music: String Spectacular

To all Play and Stay students performing at String Spectacular

We're looking forward to sharing your achievements from the Play and Stay course at String Spectacular, 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>

Performers do not need a ticket – they will watch the rest of the concert, as a group, with NMPAT staff.

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

Schedule for the day

4.15pm	Frontier Strings Ensemble students arrive
4.30pm	Frontier Strings Ensemble rehearsals
5.00pm	Stage cleared – students to relocate to church hall
5.15pm	St Matthew's Evening Prayer in church – students to be in church hall
6.00pm	Doors open to audience – students to relocate to church
6.30pm	Concert starts (there will be an interval)
8.30pm	Estimated end

Students can be collected from the church hall after the end of the concert. The church hall is located at the back of the church, next to the car park.

After the rehearsal, Play and Stay students will have some time to have a snack and a drink. Students are welcome to bring something quiet to do (e.g. a book or card game). There will not be time for them to leave the church/church hall before the start of the concert. Students will be supervised by NMPAT staff for the duration of their time at the venue.

Concert dress – we would like all Play and Stay students to perform wearing smart, warm clothes. Please arrive wearing your concert dress, as there will not be time to get changed.

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

We are looking forward to performing with you soon.

NMPAT String Team