## October

### Fellowship Awards Final
**6.00pm on Tuesday 7th October**
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, NN1 4BS
Performances from nominated finalists for the Nigel Cobb Instrumental & Shirley Grant Vocal Fellowship Awards, funded by the Gordon Robinson Memorial Trust
**Free to attend**

## November

### Youth in Concert
**6.00pm on Sunday 16th November**
Derngate, Northampton, NN1 1DP
The first opportunity to see our five new senior ensembles: County Youth Concert Band, County Youth Choir, County Youth Brass Band, County Youth Big Band, County Youth Orchestra

### Autumn Festival of Music
**Saturday 22nd November**
Spinney Theatre, NN3 6DG
A festival showcase for our new County Ensembles, celebrating their first term's work.
**3.00pm** County Training Orchestra, County Junior Brass Ensemble, County Junior Strings, County Junior Wind Orchestra, Jazz 2
**7.00pm** County Junior Orchestra, Zingaresque, County Training Brass Band, Jazz 3, County Training Wind Orchestra, County Chamber Strings

### National Concert Band Festival Regionals
**Sunday 23rd November**
Cripps Hall Theatre, NN1 5RT
County Youth Big Band and County Youth Concert Band will perform, with the hope of reaching the finals

## December

### Chamber Concert
**7.00pm on Tuesday 2nd December**
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, NN1 4BS
The first performance of the year for our chamber ensembles - County Flute Choir, County Clarinet Choir, County String Sinfonia, String Quartets

### Choirs at Christmas
**7.00pm on Wednesday 10th December**
Northampton Cathedral, NN2 6AG
A Christmas celebration, featuring Tarrega Guitar Ensemble alongside NMPAT Singers, County Chamber Choir, Guys & Dolls, County Youth Choir and the NMPAT Community Choir

### End of Term Concert
**7.00pm on Friday 19th December**
Spinney Theatre, NN3 6DG
Rounding off the Autumn term with the final concert of 2025, featuring County Youth Concert Band and County Youth Orchestra

## February

### Big Band Night
**6.00pm on Sunday 1st February**
The Picturedrome, NN1 4BN
Featuring Jazz 3, Jazz 2 and County Youth Big Band, in addition to improvisation workshop group, Jazz Matters

### String Spectacular
**6.00pm on Saturday 7th February** venue tbc
A celebration of young string musicians, featuring County Junior Strings, County Chamber Strings, County String Sinfonia, the Frontier Strings Ensemble, and String Quartets

### Guitarstravaganza
**3.00pm on Sunday 8th February** venue tbc
Guitarlactica and the Tarrega Guitar Ensemble will perform, alongside the Frontier Guitar Ensemble

## March

### Orchestra Spectacular
**6.00pm on Sunday 8th March** Derngate, NN1 1DP
Sharing aspiration and inspiration with our County Orchestras

### NMPAT Big Sing
**6.30pm on Wednesday 11th March**
Derngate, NN1 1DP
Celebrating vocal work across Northamptonshire, with a massed school choir of c.500 young singers

### Music for Youth Regional Festival
**Saturday 14th March** Spinney Theatre, NN3 6DG
The first of three days of the Northampton Regional Festival, forming part of the Music for Youth season

### Wind Band Spectacular
**6.00pm on Sunday 15th March**
Derngate, NN1 1DP
Sharing aspiration and inspiration with the three County Wind Orchestras, as well as the Frontier Wind Ensemble

### Music for Youth Regional Festival
**Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd March** venue tbc
The final two days of the Northampton Regional Festival, forming part of the Music for Youth season

## April

### Brass Band Festival
**Sunday 19th April** Spinney Theatre, NN3 6DG
Join us to celebrate all things Brass, featuring performances from County Junior Brass Ensemble, County Training Brass Band and County Youth Brass Band, plus invited guests

### Spring Song
**7.00pm on Wednesday 22nd April**
Christ Church, NN1 5LL
A celebration of choral music, featuring NMPAT Singers, County Chamber Choir, Guys & Dolls, County Youth Choir, NMPAT Community Choir and Tarrega Guitar Ensemble

## May

### NMPAT Big Sing
**6.30pm on Wednesday 20th May and Thursday 21st May** Derngate, NN1 1DP
Celebrating vocal work across Northamptonshire, with massed school choirs of c.500 young singers

### NMPAT Careers Fair
**2.00pm-5.00pm on Saturday 23rd May**
NMPAT, NN1 4AZ
Exhibition stands and interactive talks from those working across the music and performing arts industry.
Free to attend, more info: **www.nmpat.co.uk/events**

## June

### Chamber Concert
**6.00pm on Saturday 20th June**
St Benedict's Church, NN4 9UG
An opportunity to hear more from our chamber ensembles - County Clarinet Choir, County Flute Choir, String Quartets and more to be announced...

### Summer Jazz
**7.00pm on Monday 29th June**
The Picturedrome, NN1 4BN
End of year celebration of Jazz, featuring County Youth Big Band and Jazz Matters

## July

### Summer Choral Festival
**7.00pm on Wednesday 1st July**
Christ Church, NN1 5LL
A summer celebration of vocal work in the county featuring County Youth Choir, Community Choir, County Chamber Choir and Guys & Dolls

### End of Year Concert
**6.00pm on Saturday 4th July**
Spinney Theatre, NN3 6DG
County Youth Orchestra perform in our final concert of the academic year

### Summer Festival of Music
**Sunday 5th July** Derngate, NN1 1DP
The end of year showcase for our junior and training ensembles - the new and second generations of county music students
**12.00noon New Generation** County Junior Orchestra, NMPAT Singers, County Junior Brass Ensemble, Jazz 3, County Junior Strings, County Junior Wind Orchestra
**6.00pm Second Generation** County Training Wind Orchestra, Guitarlactica and Tarrega Guitar Ensemble, County Training Brass Band, Jazz 2, County Training Orchestra, County Chamber Strings

### Summer Winds and Brass
**7.00pm on Sunday 12th July** venue tbc
End of year celebration featuring County Youth Concert Band and County Youth Brass Band

### Summer Strings
**7.00pm on Monday 13th July**
Holy Trinity, Rothwell, NN14 6BQ
End of year celebration featuring County String Sinfonia and more to be announced...

## Tickets

NMPAT's concerts and events take place at a variety of venues, throughout the county and beyond, and the most up to date info, including how to purchase tickets, is available on our online events calendar. Scan the QR code or go to **www.nmpat.co.uk/events**

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## Additional opportunities

### Aural classes

These free classes are aimed at students taking ABRSM and Trinity grades 6, 7 and 8. We recommend attending for a term, before taking your next exam. More details can be found at **www.nmpat.co.uk/aural**

### Theory classes

NMPAT offer weekly theory classes, on Tuesday evenings, with in-person and online attendance options. More details can be found at **www.nmpat.co.uk/theory**

### Music Production

Taking place online, these classes give students the opportunity to learn practical skills and theoretical knowledge, which can be applied to real life situations. For more details, please visit **www.nmpat.co.uk/production**

### Little Stars

NMPAT run music sessions for babies and young children, aged approx. 9 months to 7 years, at Kettering Road. More details can be found at **www.nmpat.co.uk/littlestars**

### Musical Stars

A music group for school-aged young people with additional support needs. The group meets on Wednesday evenings, during term time. No experience of music is necessary for participants. For full details, please visit **www.nmpat.co.uk/send**

## Concerts & events feedback

Your feedback - positive or negative - will help us to develop our annual season of events, to ensure the most enjoyable experience for performers and audience members.

To share your thoughts with us, at any time, please scan the QR code or go to **https://bit.ly/NMPATelluswhatyouthink**

## About NMPAT

Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust (NMPAT), is a cultural asset that has been enabling music and artistic education opportunities for children and young people, within the county, for fifty five years.

NMPAT maintains over 20 County Ensembles - orchestras, brass, wind and jazz bands, choirs, chamber ensembles, Global Folk groups and Young Actors Company; nine Saturday music & arts Centres, including Youth Theatre, with an open access policy to enable any student to gain first experiences. The Trust provides instrumental and vocal lessons and maintains educational contact with nearly every state school in the county, many private establishments, and Early Years settings.

NMPAT is the lead partner of the Northamptonshire and Rutland Music Hub. As such, NMPAT continues to deliver the promises of the Government's new National Plan for Music Education, for "all children and young people to learn to sing, play an instrument and create music together, and have the opportunity to progress their interests, including professionally" (A National Plan, DCMS, 2022) as well as contributing to Arts Council England's goal that "every child and young person should have the opportunity to experience the richness of the arts".

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## Saturday Centres

NMPAT Centres enable children and young people of all ages and abilities to participate in the arts. They are open to anyone - you don't need to play an instrument or have any previous experience - and each one serves and supports the local community.

Locations include Brackley and Cheney, Daventry, Kettering, Northampton (Holloway and Duston), Oundle (Nene Valley) and Wellingborough. These centres meet on a Saturday morning and you are welcome to visit during term time for a free trial!

We also offer:

- Y-Not Arts - for those with additional needs based at Malcolm Arnold Academy on Saturdays
- Towcester After School Club - which meets on a Wednesday from 4.15pm to 5.45pm
- Youth Theatre - which provides performing arts opportunities for young people aged 9 to 18

Find out more at **www.nmpat.co.uk/centres**

## Open rehearsals

For those wishing to learn more about our County Ensembles, we will be hosting open rehearsals in the Summer term for our junior groups.

30th April 2026 - CJWO open rehearsal

6th May 2026 - NMPAT Singers open rehearsal

18th May 2026 - CJS open rehearsal

Full details will be confirmed later in the academic year, and updated on **www.nmpat.co.uk/ensembles**

This leaflet lists some of the highlights of our current concert season. Information was correct at the time of printing (August 2025).

We reserve the right to make changes to any event, and will always publish the most up to date information on our website: **www.nmpat.co.uk/events**

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