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## 11 January 2018

As we come towards the end of our preparations for our Florida Tour 2018 we have been able to arrange an amazing opportunity to work with one of the country's leading Youth Big Bands - NYJO (The National Youth Jazz Orchestra of Great Britain). They are coming up to Northampton to perform with all three school Big Bands on Sunday 28 January. New Year Jazz @ The Cripps Spectacular tickets are on sale now from the Box Office 01604 258666 or online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/cripps-hall (booking fees apply).

During the day we have arranged for several workshops to take place. At present they will just be for Big Band 1 and 2 but this could change slightly depending on the content covered. Current timings are as follows:

14.00 - set up for workshop 1

14.30 - Workshop 1 - Big Band 2

15.30 - break

15.45 - Workshop 2 - Big Band 1

16.45 - break

17.00 - NYJO soundcheck - all bands welcome to attend to listen

19.00 - Jazz @ The Cripps - first half: NSB ensembles (Big Band 3, 2, Florida Voices and Big Band), second half: NYJO

The expectation is that all members of Big Band 1 and 2 are available for their workshop and all players able to play in the concert. Big Band 3 members are welcome to attend either workshop and / or the soundcheck, and will be playing in the concert.

Food will not be available so students will be free to leave at 16.45. If they want to stay for the soundcheck, please supply them with a packed tea. All students need to be back at school for 18.30 wearing all black concert dress.

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