



Upcoming Events

- March 24, 2016** **Project Hope—POC 1st & 2nd graders will spend time working in the Como Community Garden**
- March 24, 2016** **B Sharp POC & After School Parent University
5:30-7:00pm at Como Elementary**
- April 7, 2016** **B Sharp Bucket Band performs at the Habitat for Humanity Celebration in Sundance Square—evening performance**
- April 29, 2016** **B Sharp Youth Orchestra (Symphony & Philharmonic Orchestras) perform in the Pride of Texas Music Festival—evening performance**
- May 5, 2016** **B Sharp Youth Orchestra Spring Concert
7:00pm at Monnig MS**
- May 17, 2016** **B Sharp Beethoven/Bernstein Full Orchestra performs at the Performing Arts Fort Worth luncheon as the special musical guest**
- May 19, 2016** **B Sharp POC & After School Spring Concert
6:30pm in the Como Elementary Gym**
- May 24, 2016** **B Sharp Chamber Strings & Percussion Ensemble perform at the FWISD Board of Education Meeting 5:00-6:30pm at the FWISD Admin Building**
- May 26, 2016** **B Sharp POC Celebration of Learning
afternoon & evening performance at Como Elementary**
- August 4-5 & 8-12, 2016** **B Sharp Summer Camp—SAVE THE DATE! Special announcement coming soon! You don't want to miss this camp!**

[For a complete list of dates, visit our calendar online.](#)

The Hall Ensemble, a unique chamber music group whose core members include musicians of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra—bassoonist Kevin Hall, violinist Jennifer Chang, violist Aleksanda Holowka and cellist Karen Hall, visited B Sharp for Fun Friday! The Hall Ensemble gave a fantastic presentation on Music History from the beginning to present day in just 60 minutes!

The B Sharp musicians really enjoyed the presentation, and our B Sharp Chamber Strings, under the direction of Randy Lyle, had the opportunity to participate in the performance with these amazing musicians! (See videos and photos on our Facebook Page!) Huge shout out to the [Hall Ensemble](#) for coordinating these events. We hope you come back and visit B Sharp again very soon!



B Sharp Chamber Strings & the Hall Ensemble

B Sharp Trash & Treats!

B Sharp Youth Music celebrated Valentine's Day by "showing some love" to the Como Community at our 2nd annual "Trash & Treats" event. B Sharp students, parents, and staff spent an entire afternoon picking up trash together on the streets surrounding Como Elementary. We divided everyone into teams and picked up more than FIFTY trash bags full of litter! The students are learning first-hand the results of littering. We posted some great photos on our Facebook page. Check them out! B Sharp has pledged to pick up ten pieces of trash every Tuesday as part of the "Ten on Tuesday" nationwide initiative to Reverse Litter! Will you join us!?!

Make your pledge here:

<http://reverselitter.com/>

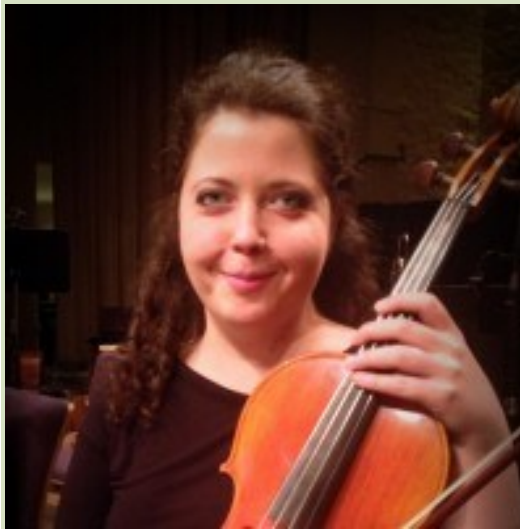


BEFORE TRASH & TREATS



AFTER TRASH & TREATS!

Teaching Artist Spotlight: Elitsa Atanasova



Elitsa Atanasova, viola teaching artist, was born in Bulgaria. She started playing violin at the age of five and at the age of 15 she switched to viola. She graduated with her Bachelor's degree in Viola Performance at the National Academy of Music in Sofia, Bulgaria. In 2011 she came to the United States to continue her studies in

the Master of Music program at Texas Christian University (TCU), Fort Worth, TX, majoring in Viola Performance in the studio of Dr. Misha Galaganov. In May 2013 she graduated with her Master's Degree and was accepted to continue in the Artist Diploma program at TCU, as well.

She has participated in viola and chamber music master classes with renowned musicians such as Toby Appel (Juilliard), Roberto Diaz (Curtis Institute), Michael Klotz (FIU), Barbara Westphal (Germany), Alexander Zemtsov (Wien), Hugo Wolf Quartet (Wien) and many others. She has attended the Conservatory Music in the Mountains festival in Durango, Colorado (2012), and has been a principal viola for the orchestra of Ohio Light Opera (2013). Currently, she is a freelance musician in the DFW metroplex, as well as viola teaching artist in the B Sharp Youth Music Program.

See more information about our other B Sharp Team Members by clicking [HERE!](#)



Ms. Sheri's & Mr. Alex's Trash & Treats Group working hard!

B Sharp Family, Friends, and Fans,

Thank you so much for your continued support of B Sharp Youth Music. We hope you will stay connected with us online. Our website, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram are updated regularly. (See below for links.) Additionally, all of our most recent performances are available for viewing on our YouTube channel (click below to check it out!)

Every Friday at B Sharp After School is "Fun Friday". "Fun Friday" activities range from teaching artist or student performances, guest musicians visiting B Sharp, or classes we call B Sharp Radio Stations (a new B Sharp favorite). The goal of the Radio Station class is to introduce the B Sharp musicians to different genres of music (and the idea of a radio – change the station and the music changes). We just completed our third rotation of Radio Stations, and it was a HUGE hit! We have 4 music stations consisting of the following: classical, rock/pop, blues/funk/jazz, country/folk. We also have a composer station which introduces a different composer each rotation, and finally, we have a music and art station where the kids listen to the music they have learned in previous Radio Station classes and draw pictures of what they think that music would look like if it were a piece of art.

In addition to the wonderful things happening at Como Elementary, I am so excited to report to you that we have almost doubled in size with the B Sharp Youth Orchestra! The members of BSYO work diligently at rehearsals each week in preparation for our upcoming performance at the Pride of Texas Music Festival and for our Spring Concert. The FWISD Transportation Department has been a tremendous help through our growing process (they provide buses to and from our rehearsals), and we are excited to be working with several more FWISD band/orchestra directors who have become fans of B Sharp. Very good things happening with the BSYO and FWISD!

If at any time you have questions about the B Sharp Youth Music Program, please don't hesitate to contact me! We hope to see you at a future performance!

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The newest audition-based ensemble, the B Sharp Bucket Band. Debut performance is April 7th in Sundance Square.

Please visit our website

<http://bsharpkids.org/>



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