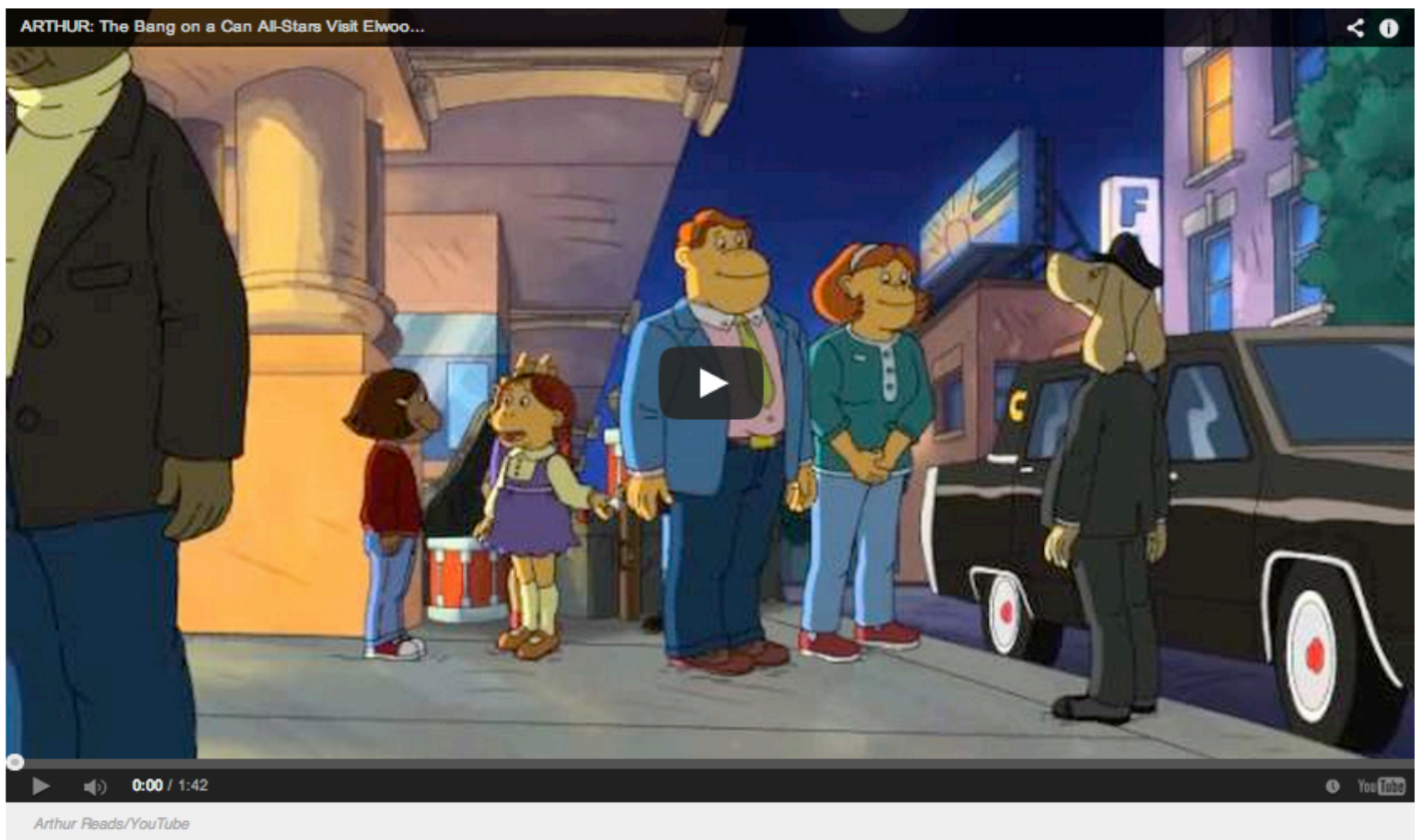


Watch Bang On A Can Occupy 'Arthur'

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We've all seen the likes of [Yo-Yo Ma](#), the [Kronos Quartet](#) and a [Philip Glass score](#) take star turns on *Sesame Street*. Now another beloved PBS kids' show has put art music front and center. The animated *Arthur* has downtown music doyens the [Bang on a Can All-Stars](#) visit Elwood City for a concert. It's part of the show's Arts Week, which begins Monday.

It's a pretty great setup. Muffy is experiencing the classic anxiety of feeling guiltily responsible for bringing her friend to a concert of weird, experimental music. But! It turns out Francine *loves* it. And as it also turns out, composer and Bang co-founder Julia Wolfe loves Elwood City right back: "It's so uniquely ... *average*." (Bonus points to the show for trying to capture guitarist Mark Stewart's hair. *And breaking news update!* Thanks to a current All-Star, we've learned that the other BoaC character was voiced by one of the group's former members, clarinetist and composer [Evan Ziporyn](#).)

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