



Elena and her band



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Korean wrap dish

We Asked Elena...

Where are you from?

I was born and raised in a small town in East Tennessee, but my parents immigrated to the U.S. from the country of South Korea. Right now I live in Brooklyn in New York City.

What instruments do you play?

My main instrument is violin. I started playing it when I was 5. I also play mandolin, trumpet, and spoons to name a few—and of course I sing!

Where do you find inspiration as a performer?

I write songs inspired by nature, storytelling, and the artwork of my friends. By exploring the musical and cultural heritage of East Asia, the region of my ancestry, I also am inspired to reimagine East Asian folk songs—two of them you will learn along with me!

What are some of your favorite Korean foods?

Dumplings and Korean cold noodle soup! I also love colorful Korean wraps which you can fill with veggies or pork.