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Mauch Chunk Opera House presents Serafin String Quartet

(Wilmington, Del.) October 16, 2014 – [Mauch Chunk Opera House](#) will present Serafin String Quartet on Sunday, November 16 at 3:00 p.m. Following recent critical acclaim for their Naxos (2013) recording, named Top 10 Classical Albums of 2013 by Philadelphia's City Paper, the Delaware-based Serafin String Quartet has received ovations by audiences around the nation.

The November 16 concert will feature Andrew Norman's "Sabina" from his "Companion Guide to Rome," a finalist for the 2012 Pulitzer Prize in music. Norman joined Opera Philadelphia as composer in residence in 2013. The program also includes Mozart d minor Quartet, K.421 and Debussy g minor Quartet.

Located in Jim Thorpe, Pa., Mauch Chunk Opera House has been noted in National Geographic Traveler for superb acoustics. Built in 1881, the venue seats 400 and offers a diverse performance schedule including folk, rock, classical, and jazz. The Opera House is located in the heart of Jim Thorpe's historic district, close by to pubs, restaurants, lodging and shops.

If you go: Serafin String Quartet Concert

Sunday, November 16 at 3:00 p.m.

Mauch Chunk Opera House, 14 West Broadway, Jim Thorpe PA 18229

Works by Andrew Norman, Mozart and Debussy.

Doors open 2:30pm, concert 3:00 p.m.

Tickets \$20, purchase online at <http://mcohjt.com/?shows=serafin-string-quartet>

Please visit www.serafinquartet.org for more information.

About Serafin String Quartet

Hailed for "silken finesse and gritty vibrancy" by *Gramophone Magazine* and for "playing with style and sophistication" by *The Strad Magazine*, Serafin String Quartet debuted at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall in 2004 and has consistently received superlatives in the press and ovations by audiences around the nation. The Quartet's highly acclaimed Naxos (2013) release featuring world premiere recordings of early chamber works by Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Jennifer Higdon was listed as "Top 10 Classical Albums for 2013" by Philadelphia's *City Paper*. The Quartet's debut recording on Centaur (2010) is an "American Tapestry" of works by American composers and composers influenced by American sounds, including Barber, Dvorák, Gershwin and William Grant Still. Serafin String Quartet serves as *Quartet in Residence* at the University of Delaware and takes its name from master violin maker, Sanctus Serafin, who in 1728 crafted the violin currently played by Kate Ransom. For more information, please visit www.serafinquartet.org.

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