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Conductors Guild presents Serafin String Quartet at Drexel University on January 12, 2017

(Wilmington, Del.) December 16, 2016 – The [Conductors Guild](#) will present [Serafin String Quartet](#) at its [2017 National Conference](#) at [Drexel University](#) on **Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.** Drexel University hosts the annual conference on January 11-14, 2017 in Philadelphia.

Serafin String Quartet will perform Samuel Barber's (born and raised in West Chester, PA and a Curtis Institute of Music alumnus) *Adagio for Strings* - one of the most recognized and beloved pieces of American music from the twentieth century; Joseph Haydn's G Major String Quartet - lively Viennese-style melodies that pay homage to Handel and his Baroque style; and Felix Mendelssohn's D Major String Quartet - an invigorating work known for its energy, beauty and charm.

In addition to a performance by Serafin String Quartet, the conference also includes evening performances by [Philadelphia Orchestra](#) at the [Kimmel Center](#) on January 13 and 14, 2017. The Conductors Guild is a non-profit organization representing more than 1,200 conductors from across the world.

If you go: Conductors Guild presents Serafin String Quartet at Drexel University

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Program features Barber *Adagio for Strings* from String Quartet in B Minor, Op. 11, Haydn String Quartet in G Major, Op. 77#1, and Mendelssohn D Major String Quartet, Op. 44#1.

Concertgoers are invited to a "meet and greet" with the artists immediately following the performance.

Drexel University's Mandell Theater, 3250 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104

Free Admission

Please visit www.serafinquartet.org for the complete 2016-2017 season schedule.

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 in 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. Featured by *Strings Magazine* for innovative concert programming, Serafin String Quartet has been applauded at performances around the nation. The 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 SSQ violinist Kate Ransom. The other members play Testore instruments from the same era, thanks to generous support from Dr. William Stegeman. For more information, please visit www.serafinquartet.org.

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