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**Serafin Ensemble Welcomes New Artist and Announces Memorial Concert**



(Wilmington, Del.) December 19, 2019 – [Serafin Ensemble](#), a roster of internationally acclaimed performing artists, welcomes new artist, [Jacques-Pierre Malan](#). The South African cellist, soloist, chamber musician, teacher and music entrepreneur has received international acclaim for his unparalleled performances and innovative projects. Malan joins The Serafins for performances in January and April, and Serafin Summer Music festival in June.

Malan holds degrees in cello performance, jazz piano and musicology from the University of South Africa, University of Pretoria and Peabody Conservatory. Malan is a co-founder of the Creative Concert Group project that aims at altering traditional masterpieces in a way that is more accessible to the audiences that are handicapped to attend big concert halls.

“Joining the Serafin Ensemble roster is a thrilling addition to my musical path,” comments acclaimed cellist Jacques-Pierre Malan. “We have more exciting opportunities this season to create magic together for the audiences we encounter, and I am confident we will enjoy a long and healthy partnership.”

“Collaborating with Jacques-Pierre has been an absolute joy from the first moment. He jumped right in with virtuosity, a wonderful spirit of collaboration, and a winning manner with audiences,” comments [Kate Ransom](#), Serafin founder and Artistic Director. “He is a superb addition to the Serafin roster.”

In their January concerts, Serafin Ensemble will honor arts advocate and Serafin supporter, William Jackson Stegeman at The Music School of Delaware on January 15, 2020. The memorial concert will celebrate the legacy of Dr. Stegeman’s impact on the Serafin Ensemble and The Music School of Delaware. The Music School Board of Directors has announced that they will match contributions to the Music School made in memory of Dr. Stegeman. Donations can be made at [www.musicschoolofdelaware.org](http://www.musicschoolofdelaware.org).

# SERAFIN ENSEMBLE

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## Serafin Ensemble January Concerts



Kate Ransom,  
violin



Amos Fayette,  
violin



Luke Fleming,  
viola



Jacques-Pierre  
Malan, cello



Victor Asuncion,  
piano

**Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Crosslands Concerts presents Serafin Ensemble**

Kate Ransom and Amos Fayette, violins; Luke Fleming, viola; Jacques-Pierre Malan, cello; and Victor Asuncion, piano

Featuring Beethoven Duo in Eb Major for viola and cello, Woo 32 "Eyeglasses Obligato"; Haydn Piano Trio in C Major Hob XV:27; and Beethoven String Quartet in C Minor, Op. 18, No.4

**Wednesday, January 15, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.**

**The Music School of Delaware presents Serafin Ensemble: A Beethoven Celebration!**

***Remembering William Jackson Stegeman***

Kate Ransom and Amos Fayette, violins; Luke Fleming, viola; Jacques-Pierre Malan, cello; and Victor Asuncion, piano

Featuring a memorial tribute selection in honor of William Stegeman performed by Serafin Ensemble and former Serafins; Beethoven in Eb Major for Viola and Cello, Woo 32, Eyeglasses Obligato; Beethoven Sonata No. 8 in G Major for violin and piano, Op. 30; Beethoven Sonata for piano in G Minor, Op. 13 "Pathetique"; and Beethoven String Quartet in C Minor, Op. 18, No.4

Wilmington Branch, 4101 Washington St, Wilmington, DE 19802

Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 seniors/students [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com)

**Sunday January 19, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.**

**The Arts at Trinity presents Serafin Ensemble**

Kate Ransom and Amos Fayette, violins; Luke Fleming, viola; Jacques-Pierre Malan, cello; and Victor Asuncion, piano

Featuring M. Haydn Duo for violin and viola; Haydn Piano Trio in C Major Hob XV:27 and Caesar



Franck Piano Quintet

Trinity Episcopal Church, 1108 N. Adams Street, Wilmington, DE 19801

Free, donations appreciated

**About Serafin Ensemble**

Serafin Ensemble, “The Serafins,” is a group of internationally acclaimed performing artists (string, wind, piano and vocalists) devoted to collaborative chamber music performances of repertoire for up to eight players. The ensemble evolved from the former Serafin String Quartet and continues the nearly two-decade-long Serafin legacy of passionate commitment to presenting exceptional performances of small ensemble repertoire. Serafin Ensemble artists have been heralded around the globe for concerts and recordings, acclaimed in the press, and received international prizes and awards. Their current and former affiliations and distinctions are impressive and include: “official Steinway artist;” Fulbright scholar; performances with Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, Alexander, Attacca, Oxford, Serafin and Vega String Quartets, “Alarm Will Sound,” Boston Chamber Orchestra, I Musici de Montreal, Del’ Arte Wind Quintet; prizes from the London String Quartet Competition and Concert Artists Guild; participation in summer programs such as Aspen, Aria, Banff, Brevard, Casals, Chataqua, Ravinia, Spoleto and Tanglewood; appearances on NPR’s Performance Today, St. Paul Sunday Morning, WQXR, WRTI, Radio France, and National Radio of China; and degrees from major music schools including Juilliard, Peabody, Yale, Indiana, New England and Boston Conservatories, Royal Academy of Music, Mannes, Michigan, Eastman, and the Longy School. Serafin Ensemble takes its name from master violin maker, Sanctus Serafin, who in 1728 crafted the violin currently played by Serafin founder and Artistic Director, Kate Ransom. The Serafin String Quartet thrived for over two decades thanks, in part, to generous support from Dr. William J. Stegeman, Ph.D. For more information, please visit [www.serafinensemble.org](http://www.serafinensemble.org).