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Serafin String Quartet Opens 34th Annual Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival

(Wilmington, Del.) June 16, 2015 – The [Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival](#) opens its 34th season with two special performances featuring Serafin String Quartet on June 28 and 29, 2015 at the [Bascom Center for the Visual Arts](#) in Highlands, NC. Concertgoers will enjoy American-themed evenings of music and art featuring the delightful sounds of the Serafins performing works by American classical composers from the dawn of “American classical music style” in the mid 1800’s, to today. Works by Foote, Chadwick, Still and Gershwin are complemented by those of the present-day Pulitzer and Grammy award-winning composer, Jennifer Higdon, resulting in an eclectic and satisfying music experience for listeners.

"This is the Serafins' second guest artist visit to this popular festival and we are delighted to return," comments Serafin violinist and longtime individual festival artist, Kate Ransom, "We especially enjoy the opportunity to journey with the audience into this special pairing of art and music!"

In addition to the concerts at Bascom Center, Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival will present a free informal chamber concert featuring Serafin String Quartet on Tuesday, June 30 at 7:30 p.m. at Buck's Coffee Café in Highlands.

For the past thirty-three concert seasons, the renowned Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival has established a worldwide reputation for standards of excellence in classical programming. The festival's commitment to chamber music has enriched the creative traditions of Highlands, Cashiers and the Western Carolina mountains.

If You Go: Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival

Sunday, June 28, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Music and Art at the Bascom featuring Serafin String Quartet

[Bascom Center for the Visual Arts](#)

323 Franklin Road

Highlands, NC 28741

Tickets \$213 per person includes champagne reception and gourmet wine dinner

Seating is limited, call 828-526-9060 or email hccmf@frontier.com for tickets

Monday, June 29 5:00 p.m.

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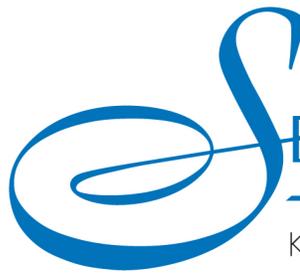
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Please visit www.serafinquartet.org for more information.

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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