



SERAFIN STRING QUARTET

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Serafin String Quartet Previews 2017-2018 Season

(Wilmington, Del.) July 28, 2017 - [Serafin String Quartet](#) announces key performances dates for the 2017-2018 season in New York, Philadelphia, Oklahoma and Florida in addition to regional venues. Based in Delaware, the highly acclaimed Quartet debuted at Carnegie Hall in 2004 and has consistently been sought after for performances around the nation.

The Serafins add first time appearances at Music at the Gate (Queens, N.Y.), From The Edge Music Series (Norman, Okla.), College of Physicians (Philadelphia, Pa.) and St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Delray, Fla.). The Quartet will also return to local series, including Milton Theatre, The Arts at Trinity, World Cafe Live (Philadelphia), and University of Delaware, where the Quartet serves as *Quartet in Residence*.

Serafin String Quartet collaborates in an exchange partnership with Blair String Quartet of [Vanderbilt University](#), featuring master classes and a joint performance at [University of Delaware](#) in the fall. The Serafins will perform with other notable artists including Roberta Rust, pianist, (in Fla.); Stephanie Shames, pianist, and Hal Grossman, violinist, (in Okla.); and Julie Coucheron, pianist, and Hal Grossman, violinist (in Del.). The Quartet will share a wide variety of repertoire with audiences in the coming season including works by Barber, Beethoven, Brahms, Chausson, Dvorak, Haydn, Mendelssohn, Mozart, Shostakovich, Sibelius and Still.

Serafin String Quartet Key Performance Dates 2017-2018

Music at the Gate presents SSQ | September 9, 2017 | 7:00 p.m.

St. Mary Gate of Heaven Church in Queens, N.Y. | Free | smghparish.com

Premier Centre for the Arts presents SSQ | September 22, 2017 | 8:00 p.m.

Milton Theatre in Milton, Del. | Tickets \$15-25 at miltontheatre.ticketfly.com

University of Delaware presents Blair String Quartet and SSQ | September 28, 2017 | 8:00 p.m.

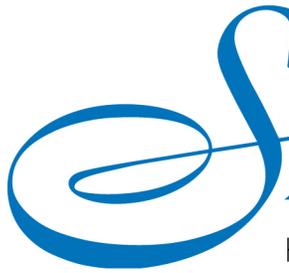
UD Gore Recital Hall | Tickets \$5-15 *Bring a friend for free promo | music.udel.edu

The Arts at Trinity presents SSQ | October 7, 2017 | 7:30 p.m.

Trinity Episcopal Church in Wilmington, Del. | Free

University of Delaware presents SSQ | November 28, 2017 | 8:00 p.m.

UD's Gore Recital Hall | Tickets \$5-15 *Bring a friend for free promo | music.udel.edu

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From The Edge Chamber Music Series presents SSQ with pianist Stephanie Shames & violinist Hal Grossman | January 18, 2018 | 7:00 p.m.
St. John's Episcopal Church in Norman, Okla. | Free

The College of Physicians of Philadelphia presents SSQ | January 29, 2018 | 7:00 p.m.
College of Physicians in Philadelphia, Pa. | Tickets \$15-29 | www.collegeofphysicians.org

St. Paul's Episcopal Church presents SSQ with pianist Roberta Rust | February 18, 2018 | 3:00 p.m.
St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Delray, Fla. | Tickets: \$5-\$20 | www.stpaulsdelray.org

University of Delaware presents SSQ with pianist Julie Coucheron and violinist Hal Grossman | March 20, 2018 | 8:00 p.m.
UD Gore Recital Hall | Tickets \$5-15 | www.music.udel.edu

World Cafe Live presents SSQ | April 14, 2018 | 8:00 p.m.
World Cafe Live Upstairs in Philadelphia, Pa. | Tickets at worldcafelive.com/philadelphia/

The Arts at Trinity presents SSQ | May 19, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.
Trinity Episcopal Church in Wilmington, Del. | Free

Please visit www.serafinquartet.org for the complete 2017-2018 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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