

# SERAFIN STRING QUARTET

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## **Serafin String Quartet Collaborates with Acclaimed Artists in 2018-2019**

(Wilmington, Del.) August 22, 2018 - [Serafin String Quartet](#) collaborates with highly acclaimed guest artists and [University of Delaware](#) faculty artists to present duos, trios, quartets, quintets and more expanded works in the 2018-2019 season.



*Guang Wang*



*Jennifer Nicole Campbell*



*Augustine Mercante*



*Victor Santiago Asuncion*

### **Collaborating guest artists include:**

- [Guang Wang](#), *cello*, is a founding member of the [Vega String Quartet](#) which serves as *Quartet in Residence* at Emory University. He began his cello studies in Shenyang, China at the age of eight and has received numerous international awards and accolades as a soloist and chamber musician.
- [Jennifer Nicole Campbell](#), *piano*, is an award-winning pianist and composer. A passionate music educator, she serves on the faculty at Cecil College and The Music School of Delaware in addition to her private studio.
- [Augustine Mercante](#), *countertenor*, is described by *The New York Times* as a "glowing countertenor." He enjoys an active soloist career and serves on the faculty at The Music School of Delaware and Wilmington University.
- [Victor Santiago Asuncion](#), *piano*, is hailed by *The Washington Post* for his "poised and imaginative playing." He has appeared in concert halls across the globe as a recitalist and concerto soloist.

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## **Collaborating University of Delaware faculty artists include:**

- [John David Smith](#), *horn*, is an accomplished soloist with numerous appearances with renowned orchestras including Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, Philadelphia Orchestra and Metropolitan Opera Orchestra.
- [Julie Nishimura](#), *piano*, is celebrating 29 years as faculty accompanist for the Department of Music. She has performed in over 400 collaborative recitals, including in multimedia and mixed chamber ensembles, and was a recipient of a Delaware State Arts Council Fellowship Grant as a solo artist.
- [Miles Brown](#), *double bass*, is a bassist, composer, performer, and teacher. He is the bassist for new music ensemble Alarm Will Sound and has had his compositions performed at Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center.
- [Christopher Nichols](#), *clarinet*, is a versatile clarinetist with performances as a soloist and in ensembles across the United States and abroad. He currently serves on the faculty of University of Delaware, Delaware Governor's School of Excellence, Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, and St. Andrew's School.
- [Lynn Moncilovich](#), *bassoon*, is principal bassoonist of the Londontowne Symphony Orchestra, second bassoonist with the Keystone Wind Ensemble, and performs frequently with the Lancaster Symphony Orchestra. She serves on the faculty at University of Delaware and The Music Institute at Howard Community College.

## **Serafin String Quartet 2018-2019 Concerts**

**Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. - University of Delaware presents *Romance***

Serafin String Quartet violinist, Kate Ransom and cellist, Lawrence Stomberg with UD faculty, John David Smith, horn and Julie Nishimura, piano

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Brahms Sonatensatz for violin and piano, Wo02; Brahms Trio in Eb Major for violin, horn and piano, Op.40; and Schumann Trio in g minor for violin, piano and cello, Op.110

Gore Recital Hall: Roselle Center for the Arts, UD campus

**Sunday, October 21, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. - The Arts at Trinity presents *Ode to Joy - All Beethoven!***

Serafin String Quartet violinist Kate Ransom with Guang Wang, cello and Jennifer Nicole Campbell, piano  
Beethoven Trio in Bb Major for violin, cello and piano, Op.97 "Archduke"; Beethoven Trio in Bb Major for violin, cello and piano, Op.11; and Beethoven Sonata for violin and piano in Eb Major, Op.12 No.3

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

**Monday, December 3, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. - University of Delaware presents Serafin String Quartet, *Quartet in Residence*, with UD Faculty Julie Nishimura, piano and Miles Brown, double bass**

Shostakovich Quintet for piano and strings, Op.57 and Dvořák Quintet in G Major, Op.77 for two violins, viola, cello and bass

Gore Recital Hall: Roselle Center for the Arts, UD campus

**Sunday, February 3, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. - The Arts at Trinity presents Serafin String Quartet**

Mendelssohn String Quartet in a minor Op.13 and Schumann String Quartet in A Major Op.41, No.3

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**Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. - University of Delaware presents Serafin String Quartet, *Quartet in Residence*, with UD Faculty Miles Brown, double bass; John David Smith, horn; Christopher Nichols, clarinet; and Lynn Moncilovich, bassoon**

Schubert "Octet" for strings and winds in F Major, Op. 166

Gore Recital Hall: Roselle Center for the Arts, UD campus

**Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. - University of Delaware presents *French Connection***

Serafin String Quartet violinist, Kate Ransom and cellist, Lawrence Stomberg, with Augustine Mercante, countertenor and Victor Asuncion, piano

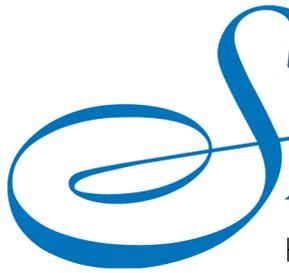
Hahn *Ah Cloris!*, Franck Sonata for Violin and Piano in A Major and Chausson Piano Trio in g minor

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**Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. - The Arts at Trinity presents Serafin String Quartet**

Beethoven String Quartet in e minor Op.59, No.2 and Dvořák String Quartet in Eb Major, Op.51

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**Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. - The Music School of Delaware presents Serafin String Quartet**

Schumann String Quartet in Major, Op. 41#3

Wilmington Branch, 4101 Washington St, Wilmington, DE 19802

For a complete listing of concerts, collaborative artists and repertoire in 2018-2019, please visit

[www.serafinquartet.org](http://www.serafinquartet.org).

### **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 release featuring world premiere recordings of early chamber works by Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Jennifer Higdon was listed as "Top 10 Classical Albums" by Philadelphia's City Paper. The Quartet's debut recording on Centaur 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 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](http://www.serafinquartet.org).