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Serafin String Quartet Announces Upcoming Performance Dates

(Wilmington, Del.) September 7, 2016 – Following a successful return to Carnegie Hall earlier this year, the highly acclaimed [Serafin String Quartet](#) (SSQ) announces upcoming performance dates at regional venues. The Serafins kick-off the 2016-2017 season at The Arts at Trinity on October 1, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. - their first public performance with new violist [Sheila Browne](#).

SSQ will perform concerts and present master classes at the University of Delaware, where the Quartet was recently reappointed as *Quartet in Residence* for a three year term. This season's repertoire features works by Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Dvorak, Haydn, Mozart, Shostakovich, Brahms, Wolf and Puccini.

Saturday, October 1, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. - The Arts at Trinity presents Serafin String Quartet

The Serafins open The Arts at Trinity's season with a program featuring Puccini Il Crisantemi, Beethoven's String Quartet in C Minor, Op. 18#4 and Dvorák's String Quartet in G Major, Op. 106. The Arts at Trinity is a FREE community arts series generously underwritten by Jackson ImmunoResearch Laboratories, Inc.

Trinity Episcopal Church, 1108 N. Adams Street, Wilmington, DE www.theartsattrinity.org

Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. - Anthony G. Simmons Scholarship Fund Benefit Concert

The Music School of Delaware presents the annual tribute concert in memory of founding Serafin String Quartet member "Tony" Simmons. The concert features Serafin String Quartet in collaboration with Music School faculty, Jennifer Stomberg, *cello*; Jennifer Nicole Campbell, *piano*; and Nina Cottman, *viola*. They will perform the Brahms String Sextet in G Major, Op. 18 and Schumann's Quartet for Piano and Strings in Eb Major, Op. 47.

Tickets: \$10/\$5 students & seniors, purchase at www.brownpapertickets.com, in advance by calling the Music School (302) 762-1132, or at the door.

The Music School of Delaware, 4101 Washington Street, Wilmington, DE www.musicschoolofdelaware.org

Friday, November 4, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. - Dover Public Library *In Harmony* Concert Series presents Serafin String Quartet

Free Admission

Dover Public Library, 35 Loockerman Plaza, Dover, Delaware 19901

Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. - The University of Delaware presents Serafin String Quartet

UD's *Quartet in Residence*, Serafin String Quartet, performs the Haydn String Quartet in G Major, Op. 77#1, Two Pieces for String Quartet by Shostakovich, and Mendelssohn's D Major String Quartet, Op. 44#1.

Tickets: Adults \$15; Srs/UD Staff & Alum \$10; Students \$5

Roselle Center for the Arts, Gore Recital Hall, 130 Amstel Avenue, Newark, DE www.music.udel.edu

The logo features a large, stylized blue letter 'S' that loops around itself. To the right of the 'S', the words 'SERAFIN STRING QUARTET' are written in a blue, serif, all-caps font. A horizontal blue line is positioned below the text.

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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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