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# SERAFIN STRING QUARTET

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Sheila Browne, *viola* and Lawrence Stomberg, *'cello*

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## **University of Delaware presents Blair String Quartet and Serafin String Quartet on September 28**

(Wilmington, Del.) September 7, 2017 - The [University of Delaware](#) presents [Blair String Quartet](#), of [Vanderbilt University](#), and [Serafin String Quartet](#) on **Thursday, September 28 at 8:00 p.m.** The collaborative performance will complete an exchange partnership between the two Quartets, which began at Vanderbilt University in April 2017.

The Quartets share close ties through Serafin violinist [Kate Ransom](#) and Blair violinist [Cornelia Heard](#), who studied together through high school at the Blair Academy, precursor of Vanderbilt's Blair School of Music. As students, the accomplished violinists held successive positions as concertmaster of the Nashville Youth Symphony, and both soloed with the youth orchestra. Both Ms. Ransom and Ms. Heard are alumni of the University School of Nashville, which awarded Ms. Ransom it's Distinguished Alumni Award in 2008.

In addition, Serafin cellist [Lawrence Stomberg](#) and Blair cellist [Felix Wang](#) first met at the Interlochen Music Camp in the 1980s.

The concert will open with performances of Dvořák **String Quartet in E flat, Op. 51** and Jalbert **Icefield Sonnets** by Blair String Quartet, then the Quartet will be joined by Serafin String Quartet for a performance of Mendelssohn **Octet for Strings**.

Called a "a marvelous ensemble," by *The Washington Post*, the Blair String Quartet has been widely acclaimed in performances across the country, including appearances at the Library of Congress, the Kennedy Center, New York's 92nd Street Y and Merkin Concert Hall. The Blair String Quartet is in residence at the Blair School of Music of Vanderbilt University.

## **If You Go: University of Delaware presents Blair String Quartet and Serafin String Quartet Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.**

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Please visit [www.serafinquartet.org](http://www.serafinquartet.org) for the complete 2017-2018 season schedule.

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## **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](http://www.serafinquartet.org).

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