

# SERAFIN STRING QUARTET

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Timothy Schwarz, *viola* and Lawrence Stomberg, *cello*

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### **University of Delaware and The Arts at Trinity concerts in October feature the Serafins and guests**

(Wilmington, Del.) September 19, 2018 - The [Serafins](#) collaborate with highly acclaimed guest artists for concerts at [University of Delaware](#) and The Arts at Trinity in October.

#### **The University of Delaware presents *Romance* on Tuesday, October 9 at 8:00 p.m.**

The concert features Serafin violinist, Kate Ransom, and cellist, Lawrence Stomberg, joined by UD faculty artists [John David Smith](#), horn, and [Julie Nishimura](#), piano to perform 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.

The works come from the heart of the romantic era. The trios are mature masterworks by Schumann and Brahms which explore a vast emotional landscape from tenderness and grief to unabashed joy and elation. The Brahms "sonatensatz" for violin and piano offers dark and stormy outer sections which are contrasted by a characterful alternate sections, and a triumphant ending.



*John David Smith*



*Julie Nishimura*

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

Serafin String Quartet violinist Kate Ransom will be joined by guest artists [Guang Wang](#), cello, of the [Vega String Quartet](#), and [Jennifer Nicole Campbell](#), piano, for performances of 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.

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Cherished by listeners throughout history, Beethoven's "Archduke" trio is amply full of the composer's most sublime and soaring writing, as well as character and heart. The earlier trio, Op. 11, is performed in its version for violin (rather than clarinet) and is early Beethoven at his "classical best." The Sonata in Eb major for violin and piano is a sturdy and well-crafted work, with heartfelt sentiment in the lovely slow movement, and jaunty, high spirited first and last movements. The program choices present Beethoven in his most uplifting and joyous mode.



*Guang Wang*



*Jennifer Nicole Campbell*

## **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

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

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

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

Free, donations welcome

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**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

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

**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

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

**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

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

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

**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

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Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 seniors/students; proceeds benefit the Anthony G. Simmons Scholarship Fund and Annual Scholarships

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).