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Serafin String Quartet Opens Season at The Arts at Trinity

(Wilmington, Del.) September 21, 2016 – Following a successful return to Carnegie Hall earlier this year, [Serafin String Quartet](#) (SSQ) opens the 2016-2017 season at The Arts at Trinity on October 1, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. The concert features the Quartet's first public performance with new violist [Sheila Browne](#).

The program includes Dvorak's String Quartet in G Major Op. 106 - a beautiful and challenging work with Czech influences; Puccini's *Il Crisantemi* (Chrysanthemums) for String Quartet - a dark-hued and powerful movement; and Beethoven's String Quartet in C Minor 18#4 - one of the famed composer's early quartets with a dramatic flair.

If you go: The Arts at Trinity presents Serafin String Quartet

- When:** Saturday, October 1, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.
Where: Trinity Episcopal Church, 1108 N. Adams Street, Wilmington, DE www.theartsattrinity.org
Details: Featuring Puccini *Il Crisantemi*, Beethoven's String Quartet in C Minor, Op. 18#4 and Dvorák's String Quartet in G Major, Op. 106.
Tickets: FREE - The Arts at Trinity is a FREE community arts series generously underwritten by Jackson ImmunoResearch Laboratories, Inc.

Upcoming Serafin String Quartet Concerts

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

Featuring selections by Beethoven, Dvorak, Mendelssohn and Shostakovich

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

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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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

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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