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Serafin String Quartet Opens Season with Concerts at University of Delaware and Cabrini College

(Wilmington, Del.) September 10, 2015 – The highly acclaimed [Serafin String Quartet](http://www.serafinquartet.org) kicks off its 2015-2016 season with performances at the University of Delaware and Cabrini College in September. Recently featured in the July issue of *Strings Magazine* for innovation in concert programming, SSQ will present engaging and collaborative programs this month.

September 19, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. - University of Delaware Faculty Gala Concert

UD kicks off the performance season with the annual Faculty Gala Concert. The Gala features a stellar line up of the University's music faculty performers, including Serafin String Quartet, the University's *Quartet in Residence*. SSQ will play a movement from Brahms String Quartet in c minor, Op. 51, No. 1. Members of the quartet, Esme Allen-Creighton, *viola*, and Lawrence Stomberg, *cello*, will also collaborate with other faculty artists in works by Jessica Meyer (with dancer Kimberly Schroeder), and Beethoven (with Christopher Nichols, *clarinet*, and Julie Nishimura, *piano*).

University of Delaware Main Campus, Mitchell Hall, South College Avenue, Newark, DE

Tickets \$5, cash or check at the door

www.music.udel.edu

September 20, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. - Cabrini College presents Serafin String Quartet

The concert program includes Panamanian Dances by William Grant Still from the Quartet's debut recording (Centaur Records 2010), a delightful set of four movements each drawing from the colorful dance styles from Panama, Central America and Africa; String Quartet No. 6 by Bela Bartok, a deeply expressive and emotional string quartet composed in 1939 at the beginning of World War II; and String Quartet in G Minor by Edvard Grieg, a behind the scenes tour of Norway's most celebrated composer.

Free, Open to the public

Cabrini College Mansion, 610 King of Prussia Road Radnor PA 19087

www.cabrini.edu

September 21, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. - University of Delaware presents Serafin String Quartet

University of Delaware presents *Quartet in Residence*, Serafin String Quartet, in a collaborative program including UD Faculty Artists Eileen Grycky, *flute*, and Jeffrey O'Donnell, *oboe*, as well as guest artists Douglas Mapp, *double bass*, Phillip O'Banion, *percussion*, and ZAWA! (flute duo of Jill Felber and Claudia Anderson) performing Mozart Flute Quartet in D Major, Oboe Quartet, Cynthia Folio Winds for Change*, and Brahms String Quartet in c minor, Op. 51, No. 1.

**Sound manipulation by Aleck Brinkman*

Tickets \$15 adults, \$10 seniors/alumni, \$5 students

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Please visit www.serafinquartet.org for performance details and pricing information.

About Serafin String Quartet

The logo features a large, stylized blue letter 'S' that loops around the text. The text 'SERAFIN STRING QUARTET' is in a blue, serif font, positioned to the right of the 'S'.

SERAFIN STRING QUARTET

Kate Ransom and Lisa Vaupel, violins

Esme Allen-Creighton, viola and Lawrence Stomberg, 'cello

Serafin String Quartet's world premiere recording featuring early chamber works by award-winning composer Jennifer Higdon will be released by Naxos on July 30, 2013. The Quartet's debut recording (Centaur Records 2010) was hailed by *The Strad Magazine* for "playing with style and sophistication" and the *American Record Guide* for "combining true rhythmic precision, beautiful intonation, and beautiful articulation with an excellent sense of balance and deeply satisfying musical phrasing." Serafin String Quartet has been applauded by audiences around the nation, including sellout crowds at repeat performances in New York City's Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall. 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 Kate Ransom. The other members of the Quartet play Testore instruments, thanks to the generosity of Dr. William J. Stegeman. For more information, please visit www.serafinquartet.org.

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