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SERAFIN STRING QUARTET OPENS THE ARTS AT TRINITY COMMUNITY SERIES

(WILMINGTON, DEL.) September 24, 2012 – [Serafin String Quartet](#) opens The Arts at Trinity's 2012-2013 season on Saturday, October 20, 2012. This marks violist, Esme Allen-Creighton's premiere performance as the Quartet's new permanent violist. [Allen-Creighton](#) is a Juilliard graduate, doctoral candidate at the University of Montreal and Viola Professor at the University of Delaware.

The Quartet will be joined in this concert by acclaimed pianist [Victor Santiago Asuncion](#). A native of the Philippines, Asuncion performs as solo and collaborative artist around the world, and serves as piano professor and director of collaborative studies at University of Memphis, in Tennessee. He has been noted as a pianist of innate musical sensitivity, fiery temperament and superb technique. The program will include string quartets by Beethoven and Mozart and the youthfully exuberant Quintet for Piano and Strings by Dohnanyi.

"Joining Serafin Quartet has been an exhilarating experience for me," says Allen-Creighton. "My quartet colleagues are not only exemplary and experienced musicians, but also musical explorers. Together we dig into the depths of the music and share that with our listeners."

Quartet founding violinist Kate Ransom comments, "Esme has brought a great esprit to the quartet. She is an exquisitely trained Juilliard musician and has boundless curiosity about how to get the music to speak to the listener. Collaborating with artists of her caliber, and internationally acclaimed pianists like Victor Asuncion, is a thrilling experience!"

[The Arts at Trinity](#) is a free community arts series launched in 2011 that presents multi-genre arts performances of music, visual arts and drama at Trinity Episcopal Church in Wilmington.

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

When: October 20, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

Where: Trinity Episcopal Parish, 1108 North Adams Street, Wilmington, DE

Featuring: Serafin String Quartet along with special guest Victor Santiago Asuncion, *piano*

Repertoire: Mozart Divertimento in D K.136 (I), Beethoven Op. 74 and Dohnanyi Piano Quintet in c minor

Tickets: Free, donations appreciated

For more information about Serafin String Quartet, please visit www.serafinquartet.org.

About the Serafin String Quartet

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,"

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Serafin String Quartet has been applauded by audiences around the nation, including sell-out crowds at repeat performances in New York City's Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall. The Quartet's debut recording was released by Centaur Records in September 2010, to critical acclaim. Serafin String Quartet serves as *Quartet in Residence* at the University of Delaware and takes its name from master violinmaker, Sanctus Serafin, who in 1728 crafted the violin currently played by Kate Ransom. For more information, please visit www.serafinquartet.org.

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