

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.

SERAFIN STRING QUARTET

Kate Ransom and Timothy Schwarz, *violins*
Molly Carr, *viola* and Lawrence Stomberg, *'cello*

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SERAFIN STRING QUARTET ANNOUNCES NEW VIOLIST ESME ALLEN-CREIGHTON

(WILMINGTON, DEL.) July 27, 2012 –[Serafin String Quartet](#) announces [Esme Allen-Creighton](#) will join the Quartet as the new permanent violist. Ms. Allen-Creighton is a Juilliard graduate, doctoral candidate at the University of Montreal and Viola Professor at University of Delaware. She is a winner of the Flora Matheson Goulden String Prize and the 2006 Viola congress Canadian Music Competition. Ms. Allen-Creighton will begin her public appearances with the Quartet in October 2012.

Founding Quartet violinist, Kate Ransom comments, “In Esme, we believe we have found a truly compatible partner ready to participate fully in Quartet life with SSQ. She is a brilliant woman of high musical and intellectual capacities and is fearless in her approach to interchange and music-making. We are greatly pleased that she is joining us!”

Upcoming Serafin String Quartet Performance

Saturday, September 22, 2012 – 8:00pm

Kennett Flash presents Serafin String Quartet

Kennett Flash, 102 Sycamore Alley, Kennett Square, PA 19348

Collage concert “*Quartet Time Machine – From Haydn to Higdon*” features works by Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Ravel, Martinu and Higdon

Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door, book online at www.kennettflash.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," 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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