



Kate Ransom and Timothy Schwarz, *violins*

Molly Carr, *viola* and Lawrence Stomberg, *'cello*

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SERAFIN STRING QUARTET PERFORMS NY PREMIERE

Performance at WMP Concert Hall features the New York premiere of Jennifer Higdon's Sky Quartet

(WILMINGTON, DEL.) April 9, 2012 – [Serafin String Quartet](#) will be joined by [Steven Tenenbom](#), violist of the Orion String Quartet, for a performance at New York City's [WMP Concert Hall](#) on Friday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will feature the New York premiere of Jennifer Higdon's *Sky Quartet*, included on the Serafins' second recording scheduled for release by Naxos in early 2013, in addition to Ravel Quartet and Brahms Viola Quintet in G Major, Op.111.

Pulitzer Prize and Grammy Award-winning composer Jennifer Higdon comments in the [program notes](#) for the *Sky Quartet*: When I began composing "Sky Quartet", I envisioned the wonder and immensity of the Western sky. Every time I've been west of the Mississippi, I've always marveled at that exquisite canvas of blue and clouds. This work paints musical portraits of the sky in various stages: start of a day, the rapture of its "blueness", a storm-wrenched fury, and its vast immensity. *Sky Quartet* was composed in 1997, and revised in 2000.

WMP Concert Hall is a non-profit organization promoting performance of classical music & today's music. **Tickets for the Serafin String Quartet concert on May 4th are available by emailing admin@wmpconcerthall.com or by calling at 212-582-7536.**

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 violin maker, 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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