

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 font. A horizontal blue line is positioned below the text.

SERAFIN STRING QUARTET

Kate Ransom and Timothy Schwarz, *violins*

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

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SERAFIN STRING QUARTET REMEMBERS VIOLIST IN CONCERT

(WILMINGTON, DEL.) February 12, 2013 – [Serafin String Quartet](#) will perform in an annual tribute to former Serafin violist Anthony “Tony” Simmons in a memorial concert on Wednesday, February 27 at 7pm at The Music School of Delaware. Simmons, a founding member of the Quartet, was tragically killed in a car accident on February 24, 2005 at the age of 38. The concert memorializes Tony and benefits the Anthony G. Simmons Scholarship Fund which provides financial aid for needy students of the Music School.

Fellow founding quartet member, Kate Ransom, who is also president of the Music School, said, "Were it not for Tony Simmons there would likely have been no Serafin String Quartet. His love of chamber music and of collaboration were formative for the Quartet. He brought similar devotion to his many students."

Simmons served on the faculty The Music School of Delaware (as did his wife, Marka) and at Settlement Music School in Philadelphia. He was violist for numerous orchestras and chamber ensembles in the Mid-Atlantic region, including the Delaware and Harrisburg Symphony Orchestras and Relache. He toured Japan and recorded with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.

If you go: Simmons Memorial Concert - Three Centuries of Musical Magic

When: February 27, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Where: The Music School of Delaware, 4101 N. Washington Street, Wilmington, Delaware

Featuring: Serafin String Quartet; Anna Skrupky, *horn*; Victoria Clark, *bassoon*, Masaaki Fujiki, *recorder*; and Tracy Richardson, *harpsichord*

Repertoire: Telemann Concerto a Tre for recorder, horn, bassoon & harpsichord; Mozart Horn Quintet for horn, violin, two violas & cello; Mendelssohn String Quartet in D Major, Op. 44, No. 1

Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 seniors/students, purchase in advance by calling 302-762-1132
Proceeds benefit the Anthony G. Simmons Scholarship Fund

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," 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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