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**University of Delaware presents Quartet in Residence Serafin String Quartet**

(Wilmington, Del.) January 26, 2015 – The University of Delaware presents [Serafin String Quartet](#) on **Sunday, February 15, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.** in Gore Recital Hall. As University of Delaware's *Quartet in Residence*, the Quartet's responsibilities include performing on and off campus, coaching university and pre-college students, offering chamber music master classes, and collaborating with faculty.

The February program will feature Haydn String Quartet in d minor, Op. 76, No. 2 "Fifths," known for the falling perfect fifths at the start of the work; g Minor String Quartet by Edvard Grieg, Norway's most celebrated composer whose use of Norwegian folk music in his compositions gained international recognition for Norway; and "Sabina" from "Companion Guide to Rome," by [Andrew Norman](#). Norman, a finalist for the 2012 Pulitzer Prize in music, is an active orchestral composer who joined Opera Philadelphia as composer in residence in 2013.

Following recent critical acclaim for their Naxos (2013) recording, named Top 10 Classical Albums of 2013 by Philadelphia's City Paper, the Delaware-based Serafin String Quartet has been sought after for performances around the nation. The Quartet's eclectic programming spans the entire range of quartet repertoire (from Haydn to Higdon) and their winning performance style never fails to please an audience.

**If You Go: Serafin String Quartet Concert**  
**Sunday, February 15, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.**  
**University of Delaware's Roselle Center for Performing Arts**  
**Gore Recital Hall**  
**Tickets \$15 adults, \$10 UD faculty/alumni and \$5 students**  
**Cash or check at the door**  
**[www.music.udel.edu](http://www.music.udel.edu)**

Please visit [www.serafinquartet.org](http://www.serafinquartet.org) for more information.

**About Serafin String Quartet**

Hailed for "silken finesse and gritty vibrancy" by *Gramophone Magazine* and for "playing with style and sophistication" by *The Strad Magazine*, Serafin String Quartet debuted at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall in 2004 and has consistently received superlatives in the press and ovations by audiences around the nation. The Quartet's highly acclaimed Naxos (2013) release featuring world premiere recordings of early chamber works by Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Jennifer Higdon was listed as "Top 10 Classical Albums for 2013" by Philadelphia's *City Paper*. The Quartet's debut recording on Centaur (2010) is an "American Tapestry" of works by American composers and composers influenced by American sounds, including Barber, Dvorák, Gershwin and William Grant Still. 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](http://www.serafinquartet.org).

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