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**Announcing Serafin Summer Music | June 20-30, 2019  
presented at The Music School of Delaware  
in partnership with The University of Delaware Department of Music  
sponsored by William J. Stegeman, Ph.D.**

(Wilmington, Del.) October 23, 2018 - The [Serafins](#), in partnership with the [University of Delaware Department of Music](#) and [The Music School of Delaware](#), announce [Serafin Summer Music 2019](#). The ten-day festival, sponsored by William J. Stegeman, Ph.D., features eight scintillating performances by eighteen accomplished artists.

“I have long wanted to start a music festival. Bringing superb artists together to prepare and share marvelous masterworks with a community of eager listeners is a thrilling creative enterprise in every respect,” comments [Kate Ransom](#), Serafin violinist and artistic director. “Planning the programming is, in itself, a wonderful undertaking. And the opportunity to bring several organizations together in this endeavor is gratifying, as well.”

Kate Ransom’s role as Serafin violinist, along with her affiliation as President of The Music School of Delaware, and with University of Delaware (she serves as adjunct violin instructor and Serafin String Quartet is *Quartet in Residence*) offered special synergy to make the new festival possible. Leaders of each organization have supported the collaborative effort to start Serafin Summer Music, with the help of funding from Dr. William Stegeman. For local chamber music lovers the new festival also fills a void left when the Delaware Chamber Music Festival folded a year ago. The eighteen artists of the 2019 festival include locally based performers from University of Delaware and The Music School of Delaware, along with other accomplished artists from around the United States, such as Oklahoma, Ohio, Kentucky, Atlanta, Florida and New York.

"I am delighted to work with Kate to bring her vision for this festival to life," says [Augustine Mercante](#), Festival Manager. "I look forward to an exceptional festival where we will showcase a sampling of the incredible musical talent in Delaware while introducing our audiences to amazing guest artists from around the nation."

All performances will be held at The Music School of Delaware, Wilmington Branch, 4101 N. Washington Street, Wilmington, DE. Tickets are \$20 single ticket, \$70 4-pack of tickets and \$135 for a season ticket (all 8 performances). Purchase tickets by visiting [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) or calling (302) 762-1132. For more information, please visit [www.serafinquartet.org/summer](http://www.serafinquartet.org/summer).

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## **Serafin Summer Music Artists**

Victor Asuncion, piano

Miles Brown, bass

Amos Fayette, violin

Read Gainsford, piano

Eileen Grycky, flute

Charae Krueger, cello

Christopher Nichols, clarinet

Benjamin Shute, violin

Lisa Vaupel, violin

Amadi Azikiwe, viola

Jennifer Nicole Campbell, piano

Luke Fleming, viola

Hal Grossman, violin

Mary Harris, viola

Augustine Mercante, countertenor

Kate Ransom, violin

Lawrence Stomberg, cello

Guang Wang, cello

## **Serafin Summer Music Schedule**

### **Week I June 20-23, 2019:**

#### **Thursday, June 20 at 7:00 p.m. - BOHEMIAN GEMS**

Dvořák “Sonatina” in G Major, Op. 100 for violin and piano

Smetana “Two Pieces From My Native Land” for violin and piano

Dvořák “Terzetto” in C Major, Op. 74 for two violins and viola

Smetana String Quartet No. 1 in E Minor “From MY Life”

#### **Friday, June 21 at 7:00 p.m. - IT’S CLASSIC!**

Michael Haydn Duo No. 2 in D Major for violin and viola

Beethoven Piano Trio Op. 1, No.1

Schubert song set for countertenor, piano

Schubert “Trout” Quintet for violin, viola, cello, bass, piano

#### **Saturday, June 22 at 5:00 p.m. - FRIENDS and MENTORS**

Brahms Sonata in A Major, Op. 100 for violin and piano

Schumann “Fairy Tales” for clarinet, viola and piano

Niels Gade Sonata in D Major for violin and piano

Dohnanyi Piano Quintet No.1 in C Minor

#### **Sunday, June 23 at 4:00 p.m. - OUT OF BAVARIA**

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Mozart D Major Quartet for flute, violin, viola, cello  
Reger Sonata in G Minor for solo viola  
Schumann “Fantasy Pieces” Op. 73 for cello and piano  
Brahms Piano Quartet in G Minor, Op. 25

**Week II June 27-30, 2019:**

**Thursday, June 27 at 7:00 p.m. - FRENCH FORAY**

Leclair Duo in E Minor for two violins

French Song Set

Faure Piano Quartet No. 1 in C Minor, Op. 15

**Friday, June 28 at 7:00 p.m. - THE THREE B's**

Bach G Minor Sonata for solo violin

Beethoven String Quartet in C Minor, Op. 18, No.4

Brahms Piano Trio in C Major, Op. 87

**Saturday, June 29 at 5:00 p.m. - RUSSIAN ROMP**

Khachaturian Trio for clarinet, violin, piano

Arensky Trio in D Minor, Op. 32 for violin, cello, piano

Borodin Piano Quintet in C Minor

**Sunday, June 30 at 4:00 p.m. - FINALE FIREWORKS**

Brahms Sextet in Bb Major, Op. 18 for two violins, two violas, two cellos

Tchaikovsky “Souvenir de Florence” for two violins, two violas, two cellos

For more information, please visit [www.serafinquartet.org/summer](http://www.serafinquartet.org/summer).