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### **Serafin String Quartet Releases 2014-2015 Season Schedule**

(Wilmington, Del.) August 27, 2014 – On the heels of the recent critical acclaim for their Naxos and Centaur recordings, Serafin String Quartet announces a busy season in 2014-15, including performances around the nation. This year's repertoire includes works by Grieg, Janacek, Beethoven, Schumann, Schubert, Mozart, Haydn and Andrew Norman, 2013 Opera Philadelphia composer in residence.

Serafin String Quartet will perform locally at the University of Delaware, World Cafe Live in Philadelphia, Kennett Flash, The Arts at Trinity, and The Music School of Delaware. Regionally, the Serafins will travel for concerts at Goucher College in Maryland, Mauch Chunk Opera House in Jim Thorpe, Pa., Christ Church of Easton, Md., and Sundays at Three in Columbia, Md. In addition, the Quartet has been selected to present at the American String Teachers Association conference in Salt Lake City, Utah in March and to perform two concerts at Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival in June. The Quartet continues its role as *Quartet in Residence* at University of Delaware which includes public performances, student coaching, chamber music master classes, and collaboration with faculty.

### **Serafin String Quartet Performance Dates for 2014-2015**

- Saturday, September 13, 2014 at 8:00 p.m.: University of Delaware Department of Music Gala
- Sunday, September 14, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.: "Intimate Letters" at World Cafe Live in Philadelphia
- Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.: "Sip and Savor with the Serafins" at Kennett Flash
- October 2, 2014 at 12:30 p.m.: Informance at the University of Delaware
- October 21, 2014 at 8:00 p.m.: Goucher College in Baltimore, Md.
- Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.: "Sip and Savor with the Serafins" at the Kennett Flash
- Friday, November 7, 2014 at 8:00 p.m.: Gore Recital Hall, Roselle Center for the Arts at the University of Delaware
- Sunday, November 16, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.: Mauch Chunk Opera House in Jim Thorpe, Pa.
- Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.: The Music School of Delaware
- Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.: "Sip and Savor with the Serafins" at the Kennett Flash
- Sunday, February 15, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.: Gore Recital Hall, Roselle Center for the Arts at the University of Delaware
- Sunday, February 22, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.: Christ Church in Easton, Md.
- Saturday, March 21, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.: The Arts at Trinity
- Saturday, May 9, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.: The Arts at Trinity
- Sunday, May 17, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.: Sundays at Three in Columbia, Md.
- Sunday and Monday, June 28-29: Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival in Highlands, N.C.

Please visit [www.serafinquartet.org](http://www.serafinquartet.org) for performance details and pricing information.

#### **About Serafin String Quartet**

Serafin String Quartet's world premiere recording featuring early chamber works by award-winning composer Jennifer Higdon will be released by Naxos on July 30, 2013. The Quartet's debut recording (Centaur Records 2010) was 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 sellout crowds at repeat performances in New York City's Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall. The 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. The other members of the Quartet play Testore instruments, thanks to the generosity of Dr. William J. Stegeman. For more information, please visit [www.serafinquartet.org](http://www.serafinquartet.org).

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