



Kate Ransom and Timothy Schwarz, *violins*
Molly Carr, *viola* and Lawrence Stomberg, *'cello*

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SERAFIN STRING QUARTET WELCOMES VIOLIST MOLLY CARR; KICKS OFF 2011-2012 SEASON

(WILMINGTON, DEL.) September 9, 2011 – [Serafin String Quartet](#) welcomes violist [Molly Carr](#) of New York, winner of the 2010 Juilliard Viola Concerto Competition. She has been praised for her “ravishing sound” by *The Strad Magazine* and “passionate talent and beautiful poise... all in one package” by *AVS*. Ms. Carr received her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from The Juilliard School.

“Molly is an exquisite artist,” comments violinist Kate Ransom. “The Quartet enjoyed starting off our work with her in June, performing in the Delaware Chamber Music Festival. The program included the Ravel Quartet, a tour de force for the viola, which is prominently featured. Molly rose to the task and played beautifully. Audiences are going to enjoy her sound and energy in SSQ!”

On September 9th and 10th, Serafin String Quartet will kick off its seventh concert season with *Quartet in Residence* events held at the [University of Delaware](#). The Serafins will present formal and informal performances, workshops, presentations and coaching sessions throughout the academic year, their second year as *Quartet in Residence*.

On October 22nd, Serafin String Quartet will open the new community series in Wilmington, “The Arts at Trinity,” hosted by Trinity Episcopal Church. The Quartet will collaborate in this concert with special guests Charles Abramovic, *piano*, and Eric Stomberg, *bassoon*. The program features the beloved Schumann *Piano Quintet*, a quartet by Beethoven, and works from the Quartet’s second recording project, scheduled for release in 2012 by Naxos, featuring the early chamber works by Pulitzer Prize and Grammy Award winning composer Jennifer Higdon.

Other season highlights include:

- November 10, 2011 – SSQ with University of Delaware Vocal Department Recital
- February 4, 2012 – Market Street Music Series host by First and Central Presbyterian Church
- March 20, 2012 – University of Delaware *Quartet in Residence* concert with special guests Barbara Govatos, *violin*, and Marcantonio Barone, *piano*
- April 21, 2012 – The Arts at Trinity concert with special guest William Ransom, *piano*

Serafin String Quartet’s 2011-2012 concert schedule is now available online at 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 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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