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Christ Church of Easton Presents Serafin String Quartet

(Wilmington, Del.) January 21, 2015 – <u>Christ Church of Easton Concert Series</u> presents <u>Serafin String Quartet</u> for a free performance on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>February 22, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.</u> at the Academy Art Museum in Easton, Md. 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. Currently Quartet in Residence at the University of Delaware, the Quartet's eclectic programming spans the entire quartet output and their winning performance style never fails to please an audience.

The concert program features Haydn String Quartet in d minor, Op. 76, No. 2 "Fifths" and Grieg g minor String Quartet. Haydn's Op. 76 quartets are among the composer's most ambitious chamber works and quartet No. 2 is known for the falling perfect fifths at the start of the work. The program also features music by Norway's most celebrated composer and pianist, Edvard Grieg. Grieg's use of Norwegian folk music in his compositions gained international recognition for Norway.

If You Go: Serafin String Quartet Concert Sunday, February 22, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. Academy Art Museum 106 South Street, Easton, MD Free, Open to the public www.christchurcheaston.org

Please visit <u>www.serafinguartet.org</u> 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.