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Serafin Ensemble postpones Serafin Summer Music festival and announces August live and virtual concert

(Wilmington, Del.) May 21, 2020 – <u>Serafin Ensemble</u> postpones classical music festival, Serafin Summer Music, to summer 2021. The ensemble created a <u>special video message</u> to announce the postponement to fans.

The festival was created in 2019, in partnership with the <u>University of Delaware Department of Music</u> and <u>The Music School of Delaware</u>. In its first year, the festival presented eight concerts featuring eighteen internationally acclaimed artists drawing large audiences of classical music aficionados. The post-concert meet-the-artists receptions with sumptuous bites and beverages themed to the concert programs became a signature of the festival in its first year.

"We are working to finalize the 2021 dates with the nineteen artists scheduled to perform this year," comments <u>Kate Ransom</u>, Artistic Director. "We look forward to presenting an impressive concert schedule and bringing world-class live chamber music to Delaware again next summer. In the meantime, please join the Serafins this August for a one-of-a-kind live and virtual concert experience."

The Serafins present a Sibling Rivalry Surprise!

Live concert on Saturday, August 22, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. - Virtual concert on August 25 at 7:00 p.m. Three dynamic brother-sister duos team up for a rollicking, virtuoso display of violin and piano finesse, fun, and friendly feuding! This high-spirited performance features sibling artists Julie and David Coucheron, piano and violin; Helen and Michael Kim, violin and piano; and Kate and William Ransom, violin and piano.

The program features works by Brahms, de Falla, Bizet, Rachmaninoff, W.F. Bach, Hermann and Moszkowski.

The concert will be held at The Music School of Delaware - Wilmington Concert Hall, 4101 Washington Street, Wilmington, DE. Tickets are \$20, including both the live and virtual performances. Online ticket sales begin on July 15 at www.musicschoolofdelaware.org.

The Serafins announce the following changes to June concert dates:

- June 11 concert at the University of Delaware has been canceled.
- June 25 concert at The Milton Theatre has been rescheduled to September 17, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

For the latest updates on concert dates and Serafin Summer Music Festival, please visit www.serafinensemble.org.

About Serafin Ensemble

Serafin Ensemble, "The Serafins," is a group of internationally acclaimed performing artists (string, wind, piano and vocalists) devoted to collaborative chamber music performances of repertoire for up to eight players. The ensemble evolved from the former Serafin String Quartet and continues the nearly two-decade-long Serafin legacy of passionate commitment to presenting exceptional performances of small ensemble repertoire. Serafin Ensemble artists have been heralded around the globe for concerts and recordings, acclaimed in the press, and received international prizes and awards. Their current and former



affiliations and distinctions are impressive and include: "official Steinway artist;" Fulbright scholar; performances with Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, Alexander, Attacca, Oxford, Serafin and Vega String Quartets, "Alarm Will Sound," Boston Chamber Orchestra, I Musici de Montreal, Del'Arte Wind Quintet; prizes from the London String Quartet Competition and Concert Artists Guild; participation in summer programs such as Aspen, Aria, Banff, Brevard, Casals, Chatauqua, Ravinia, Spoleto and Tanglewood; appearances on NPR's Performance Today, St. Paul Sunday Morning, WQXR, WRTI, Radio France, and National Radio of China; and degrees from major music schools including Juilliard, Peabody, Yale, Indiana, New England and Boston Conservatories, Royal Academy of Music, Mannes, Michigan, Eastman, and the Longy School. Serafin Ensemble takes its name from master violin maker, Sanctus Serafin, who in 1728 crafted the violin currently played by Serafin founder and Artistic Director, Kate Ransom. The Serafin String Quartet thrived for over two decades thanks, in part, to generous support from Dr. William J. Stegeman, Ph.D. For more information, please visit www.serafinensemble.org.