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## Serafin String Quartet Announces 2015-2016 Season Performances

(Wilmington, Del.) July 29, 2015 – The highly acclaimed, Delaware-based <u>Serafin String Quartet</u> announces key performance dates for the 2015-2016 season in Washington, D.C., Delaware, Pennsylvania, Florida and New York. The Quartet will return to Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall in New York City on March 14, 2016 to perform the New York premiere of works by noted young composer <u>Julia Adolphe</u>, along with works by Shostakovich and Grieg. The Quartet's debut was in Weill Recital Hall in 2004 and they returned to play to a sold-out crowd in 2006.

The Quartet adds first time appearances scheduled at the 43rd Annual National Flute Association Convention (Washington, D.C.), Cabrini College (Radnor, PA) and the Marco Island Center for the Arts (Marco Island, FL). The Serafins will also present local appearances at the University of Delaware, The Arts at Trinity, The Music School of Delaware and Crosslands Concert Series.

This season's repertoire features works by new composers Julia Adolphe and <u>Cynthia Folio</u>, as well as string masterworks by Bartok, Beethoven, Borodin, Brahms, Grieg, Mozart, Shostakovich and Still. In addition, the Quartet will collaborate with several guest artists including Eileen Grycky, Jill Felber and Claudia Anderson, *flutes;* Douglas Mapp, *double bass;* and Jeffrey O'Donnell, *oboe*.

Serafin String 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 Highlights 2015-2016

- August 13, 2015 at 10:00am: Special guest appearance at the 43rd Annual National Flute Association Convention
- September 19, 2015 at 8:00pm: University of Delaware Faculty Gala Concert
- September 20, 2015 at 3:00pm: Cabrini College presents Serafin String Quartet
- September 21, 2015 at 8:00pm: University of Delaware presents Quartet in Residence, Serafin String Quartet
- October 25, 2015 at 4:00pm: The Arts at Trinity presents Serafin String Quartet
- January 21, 2016 at 5:30pm: Marco Island Center for the Arts presents Serafin String Quartet
- February 16, 2016 at 8pm: University of Delaware presents Quartet in Residence, Serafin String Quartet
- February 17, 2016 at 7:00pm: The Music School of Delaware Anthony G. Simmons Scholarship Concert
- March 14, 2016: Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall
- April 12, 2016 at 7:30pm: Crosslands Concert Series
- April 30, 2016 at 7:30pm: The Arts at Trinity presents Serafin String Quartet

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