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SERAFIN STRING QUARTET ANNOUNCES UPCOMING CONCERTS IN GEORGIA AND SOUTH CAROLINA

(WILMINGTON, DEL.) March 17, 2011 – <u>Serafin String Quartet</u> announces upcoming performances at <u>Emory University</u> in Atlanta, Ga. and <u>Wofford College</u> in Spartanburg, S.C. The concerts will feature repertoire from Serafin String Quartet's 2010-2011 performance season including works by Beethoven, Dvořák and 2010 Pulitzer Prize and Grammy Award winning composer Jennifer Higdon. The Serafins perform frequently at universities along the east coast including the University of Delaware where they serve as *Quartet in Residence*.

Hailed by the *New York Concert Review* for its "excellent music making...uncommonly fine interpretation," Serafin String Quartet debuted to a sell-out crowd at New York City's Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall in 2004. Centaur Records recently released Serafin String Quartet's debut commercial CD, which received critical acclaim in *The Strad Magazine* for "playing with style and sophistication."

The Quartet has recently announced its second recording project featuring the un-recorded chamber works for strings by Philadelphia-based Pulitzer Prize and Grammy Award winning composer Jennifer Higdon. The project will include Higdon's "Sky Quartet," "Amazing Grace" for string quartet, "String Trio," "Sonata for Viola and Piano," and "Dark Wood" for strings, piano and bassoon.

Serafin String Quartet Southeast Concert Details:

Carlos Museum at Emory University - Noontime Concert Series

Friday, April 8, 2011 at 12:00 p.m.

Robert Spano, Music Director of the Atlanta Symphony and newly appointed Artistic Director of the Aspen Festival, will introduce the works by Jennifer Higdon, "Amazing Grace" and "Sky Quartet." The concert will also feature Dvořák's String Quartet in F Major, Op.96 "American"; Beethoven's String Quartet in C Major, Op. 59#3; and Mendelssohn's String Quartet in A minor, Op. 13.

Call (404) 727-5050 or visit www.carlos.emory.edu for more details.

Carlos Museum at Emory University - Family Concert Series

Sunday, April 10, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

Program features Valerie Whitcup's original composition "Webster the Music Spider," and Alan Ridout's "Ferdinand the Bull."

Call (404) 727-5050 or visit www.carlos.emory.edu for more details.

Wofford College

Monday, April 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Program includes Dvořák's String Quartet in F Major, Op.96 "American" and Beethoven's String Quartet in C Major, Op. 59#3.

Call 864-597-4000 or visit http://www.wofford.edu/arts/ for more details.

About the Serafin String Quartet



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

Hailed by the *New York Concert Review* for its "excellent music making...uncommonly fine interpretation" and by *The Strad Magazine* for ""playing with style and sophistication," 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 *Ensemble in Residence* at the University of Delaware. The Quartet 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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