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# SERAFIN STRING QUARTET

Kate Ransom and Lisa Vaupel, *violins*

Sheila Browne, *viola* and Lawrence Stomberg, *'cello*

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## **The University of Delaware presents Serafin String Quartet on November 28 at 8:00 p.m.**

(Wilmington, Del.) November 9, 2017 - The [University of Delaware](http://www.udel.edu) presents [Serafin String Quartet](http://www.serafinquartet.org) on **Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.** In addition to formal appearances, the Serafins coach chamber groups, host master classes and collaborate with faculty in their role as *Quartet in Residence* at the university.

The concert program features:

- **Shostakovich String Quartet No.7** - The shortest of his quartets, Shostakovich composed this quartet in memory of his first wife who died in 1954. The work presents almost like a single-movement work, and contains the composer's signature motive "D Eb C B" or, in German musical notation, "DSCH" - Dimitri Shostakovich.
- **Brahms String Quartet No. 2 in A Minor, Op. 108** - Famous for its three-note motive F-A-E, a motto ("frei aber einsam" - "free but alone"), this work was inspired by the composer's great friend, violinist Joseph Joachim. The melancholy nature of the seminal tone and idea is contrasted with light and lift and Brahmsian beauty.
- **Mozart String Quartet in Bb Major, K. 458 "Hunt,"** - Nicknamed the "hunt" for its hunting-call sounds in the opening theme, this work is irresistibly joyful, full of cheer and good humor.

### **If you go: University of Delaware presents Serafin String Quartet**

**When:** Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.

**Where:** Roselle Center for the Arts: Gore Recital Hall, 130 Amstel Avenue, Newark, DE, 19716

**Details:** Featuring Shostakovich String Quartet No.7, Op. 108; Brahms String Quartet No. 2 in a Minor; and Mozart String Quartet in Bb Major, K. 458 "Hunt" [www.music.udel.edu](http://www.music.udel.edu)

**Tickets:** Adults \$15; Srs/UD Staff & Alum \$10; Students, \$5 - cash or check at the door

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#### **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 in 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. Featured by Strings Magazine for innovative concert programming, Serafin String Quartet has been applauded at performances around the nation. 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 SSQ violinist Kate Ransom. The other members play Testore instruments from the same era, thanks to generous support from Dr. William Stegeman. For more information, please visit [www.serafinquartet.org](http://www.serafinquartet.org).