

The logo features a large, stylized blue letter 'S' that loops around itself. To the right of the 'S', the words 'SERAFIN STRING QUARTET' are written in a blue, serif, all-caps font. A horizontal blue line is positioned below the text.

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Kate Ransom and Lisa Vaupel, *violins*

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

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The College of Physicians of Philadelphia presents Serafin String Quartet

(Wilmington, Del.) December 21, 2017 - Hailed for "silken finesse and gritty vibrancy" by *Gramophone Magazine*, [Serafin String Quartet](#) brings its vibrant sound to [The College of Physicians of Philadelphia](#) on **Monday, January 29, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** The Quartet's highly acclaimed Naxos recording, named Top 10 Classical Albums of 2013 by Philadelphia's *City Paper*, features early chamber works by Grammy and Pulitzer Prize award-winning composer Jennifer Higdon.

"It is always a special opportunity for us to play for our local Philadelphia area audience and we are bringing to that occasion a mix of standard and less familiar works," comments Serafin violinist [Kate Ransom](#). "These works are all masterful, colorful, and full of vitality. We feel this program offers something for everyone."

The concert repertoire features **Haydn String Quartet in G Minor, Op. 74, No.3 "Horseman,"** the 'galloping' finale theme has given rise to its nickname; **Still Danzas de Panama for string quartet**, a delightful set of four movements each drawing from the colorful dance styles from Panama, Central America and Africa; and **Mendelssohn e minor Op. 44, No. 2**, a work filled with infectious energy and elegant lyricism.

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Location: Mitchell Hall at The College of Physicians of Philadelphia, 19 South 22nd Street, Philadelphia, PA

Tickets: \$29 Adults, \$15 students; Reception following the concert from includes complimentary beer, wine, and light food.

Website: www.collegeofphysicians.org

Please visit www.serafinquartet.org for the complete 2017-2018 season schedule.

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.