



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 with pianist Julie Nishimura

(Wilmington, Del.) February 13, 2017 – The [University of Delaware](http://www.udel.edu) presents [Serafin String Quartet](http://www.serafinquartet.org) with pianist, Julie Nishimura on **March 7, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.** The concert program features **Beethoven String Quartet in C Major, Op. 59#3**, the "third Razumovsky" quartet was one of three written for the Russian count and is famed for its virtuoso last movement - a large scale fugue that opens with the Viola stating the lively theme, and **Brahms Piano Quintet**, described as the pinnacle work for the string quartet and piano ensemble configuration - a masterful monument that is both profound and sublime.

Serafin String Quartet serves as the University of Delaware's *Quartet in Residence*, where they perform concerts, present master classes, coach student chamber groups, and, most recently, host string events/workshops. UD's Department of Music is dedicated to the musical growth of its students and the cultural enrichment of the community, offering a range of music majors and minors and presenting a variety of public performances.

If you go: The University of Delaware presents Serafin String Quartet

When: Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.

Beethoven String Quartet in C Major, Op. 59#3 and Brahms Piano Quintet joined by Julie Nishimura, *piano*

The University of Delaware's Roselle Center for the Arts: Gore Recital Hall

130 Amstel Avenue, Newark, DE, 19716

Tickets: Adults, \$15; Srs/UD Staff & Alum, \$10; Students, \$5

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Please visit www.serafinquartet.org for the complete 2016-2017 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.

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