



Serafin Ensemble – Serafin Summer Music

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## **Serafin Summer Music Festival Brings Exceptional Chamber Artists to Delaware June 20-30** ***New festival features eight scintillating performances by eighteen accomplished artists***

(Wilmington, Del.) May 10, 2019 - [Serafin Ensemble](#), in partnership with the [University of Delaware Department of Music](#) and [The Music School of Delaware](#), present [Serafin Summer Music](#) from June 20-30, 2019. For Delaware chamber music lovers, the new festival fills a void left by the Delaware Chamber Music Festival which discontinued after their June 2017 concerts.

The eighteen artists of the festival include accomplished artists from around the United States, including Oklahoma, Ohio, Kentucky, Atlanta, Florida and New York, along with performers from the University of Delaware and The Music School of Delaware.

“Bringing superb artists together to prepare and share marvelous masterworks with a community of eager listeners is a thrilling creative enterprise in every respect,” comments [Kate Ransom](#), Artistic Director. “Planning the programming is, in itself, a wonderful undertaking.”

Kate Ransom’s role as Serafin violinist, along with her affiliation as President of The Music School of Delaware, and with the University of Delaware, offered special synergy to make the new festival possible. Leaders of each organization have supported the collaborative effort to start Serafin Summer Music, with sponsorship support from Dr. William Stegeman, Ph.D., [Jacobs Music Company](#), [Harry’s Savoy Grill](#), [Tonic Bar and Grille](#), [Delaware Today](#), [WDEL](#) and [GateHouse Media Delaware](#).

Each concert will have a unique theme and ensemble configuration of up to six string, wind, piano and vocal performers devoted to collaborative chamber music performances. The repertoire includes works by the great classical composers, including Beethoven, Schumann and Brahms, as well as works by lesser-known composers, such as Smetana, Khachaturian and Faure.

“I look forward to an exceptional festival where we will showcase a sampling of the incredible musical talent in Delaware while introducing our audiences to amazing guest artists from around the nation,” says [Augustine Mercante](#), Festival Manager.

All performances will be held at The Music School of Delaware, Wilmington Branch, 4101 N. Washington Street, Wilmington, DE. Season subscriptions are \$135 for all 8 performances, 4-pack of tickets are \$70 and single tickets are \$20. Purchase tickets by visiting [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.com) or calling (302) 762-1132. For more information, please visit [www.serafinensemble.org/summer](http://www.serafinensemble.org/summer).

### **Serafin Summer Music Artists**

Amos Fayette, violin  
Kate Ransom, violin  
Lisa Vaupel, violin

Hal Grossman, violin  
Benjamin Shute, violin  
Amadi Azikiwe, viola

# THE SERAFINS

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Luke Fleming, viola  
 Charae Krueger, cello  
 Guang Wang, cello  
 Jennifer Nicole Campbell, piano  
 Read Gainsford, piano  
 Eileen Grycky, flute

Mary Harris, viola  
 Lawrence Stomberg, cello  
 Miles Brown, bass  
 Amy Dorfman, piano  
 Augustine Mercante, countertenor  
 Christopher Nichols, clarinet



## Serafin Summer Music Schedule

### Week I June 20-23, 2019:

**Thursday, June 20 at 7:00 p.m. - BOHEMIAN GEMS**

Dvořák “Sonatina” in G Major, Op. 100 for violin and piano

Smetana “Two Pieces From My Native Land” for violin and piano



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Dvořák “Terzetto” in C Major, Op. 74 for two violins and viola  
Smetana String Quartet No. 1 in E Minor “From MY Life”

**Friday, June 21 at 7:00 p.m. - IT’S CLASSIC!**

Michael Haydn Duo No. 2 in D Major for violin and viola

Beethoven Piano Trio Op. 1, No.1

Schubert song set

Schubert “Trout” Quintet for violin, viola, cello, bass, piano

**Saturday, June 22 at 5:00 p.m. - FRIENDS and MENTORS**

Brahms Scherzo (“Sonatensatz”) in C Minor for violin and piano WoO2

Schumann “Fairy Tales” for clarinet, viola and piano

Niels Gade Sonata in D Major for violin and piano

Dohnanyi Piano Quintet No.1 in C Minor

**Sunday, June 23 at 4:00 p.m. - OUT OF BAVARIA**

Mozart D Major Quartet for flute, violin, viola, cello

Reger Sonata in G Minor for solo viola

Schumann “Fantasy Pieces” Op. 73 for cello and piano

Brahms Piano Quartet in G Minor, Op. 25

**Week II June 27-30, 2019:**

**Thursday, June 27 at 7:00 p.m. - FRENCH FORAY**

Leclair Duo in E Minor for two violins

French Song Set

Faure Piano Quartet No. 1 in C Minor, Op. 15

**Friday, June 28 at 7:00 p.m. - THE THREE B’s**

Bach G Minor Sonata for solo violin

Beethoven String Quartet in C Minor, Op. 18, No.4

Brahms Piano Trio in C Major, Op. 87

**Saturday, June 29 at 5:00 p.m. - RUSSIAN ROMP**

Khachaturian Trio for clarinet, violin, piano

Arensky Trio in D Minor, Op. 32 for violin, cello, piano

Borodin Piano Quintet in C Minor

**Sunday, June 30 at 4:00 p.m. - FINALE FIREWORKS**

Brahms Sextet in Bb Major, Op. 18 for two violins, two violas, two cellos

Tchaikovsky “Souvenir de Florence” for two violins, two violas, two cellos

For more information, please visit [www.serafinensemble.org/summer](http://www.serafinensemble.org/summer).