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SERAFIN QUARTET CELEBRATES NATIONAL CHAMBER MUSIC MONTH

WILMINGTON, DEL. (April 18, 2012) [Serafin String Quartet](#) will join thousands of musicians and hundreds of concert presenters across the country this May in celebrating National Chamber Music Month. The Quartet will participate in the month-long music celebration by designating concerts on May 4, in New York City, and May 8, in Wilmington, Del., as National Chamber Music Month events.

[National Chamber Music Month](#) is a nationwide initiative to raise public awareness of the many styles of small ensemble music performed and presented today. The month-long series of performances, residencies, pre- and post-concert discussions, and other chamber music events will showcase ensemble music of all styles, including early, classical, jazz, and world music. Chamber Music America defines chamber music as works for small ensembles of 2–10 members, playing one to a part and generally performing without a conductor.

Chamber Music America (CMA), the national service organization for ensemble music professionals and the organizer of National Chamber Music Month, has invited its membership of more than 6,000 music professionals to participate in this first-time-ever endeavor.

“Chamber music is a vibrant and diverse field,” said Margaret M. Lioi, CEO of Chamber Music America. “It includes contemporary music, jazz, world music, European classical, and styles that draw from all of these. National Chamber Music Month will showcase the richness of chamber music through performances in urban and rural areas across the country, and we are thrilled that so many presenters and ensembles are participating.”

Serafin String Quartet National Chamber Music Month Concerts:

WMP Concert Hall Chamber Music Series

Friday, May 4, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

WMP Concert Hall, 31 East 28th Street, New York, NY

Serafin String Quartet, with [Steven Tenenbom](#), violist of the Orion String Quartet

New York premiere of Jennifer Higdon's Sky Quartet; Ravel Quartet; Brahms Viola Quintet in G Major, Op.111. Tickets: \$20, \$10 students; visit www.wmpconcerthall.com for details.



Market Street Music Presents: Brahms & Friends - Program III

Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

First & Central Presbyterian Church, 1101 Market Street, Wilmington, DE

Serafin String Quartet's Kate Ransom and Lawrence Stomberg, along with pianist Read Gainsford Final series program featuring the complete works for Violin/Piano and Cello/Piano of Johannes Brahms, and works by Robert Schumann and Niels Gade.

Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door; visit www.marketstreetmusicde.org for details.

For information on other performances taking place across the country during National Chamber Music Month, visit www.chamber-music.org.



Kate Ransom and Timothy Schwarz, *violins*

Molly Carr, *viola* and Lawrence Stomberg, *'cello*

About the Serafin String Quartet

Hailed by *The Strad Magazine* for "playing with style and sophistication" and the *American Record Guide* for "combining true rhythmic precision, beautiful intonation, and beautiful articulation with an excellent sense of balance and deeply satisfying musical phrasing," 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 *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 Kate Ransom. For more information, please visit www.serafinquartet.org.

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