



Kate Ransom and Timothy Schwarz, *violins*  
Molly Carr, *viola* and Lawrence Stomberg, *'cello*

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**SERAFIN STRING QUARTET ANNOUNCES NEW RECORDING PROJECT**

(WILMINGTON, DEL.) January 7, 2011 – [Serafin String Quartet](#) announces its second recording project featuring the un-recorded chamber works for strings by Philadelphia-based Pulitzer Prize and Grammy Award winning composer Jennifer Higdon. The project will include Higdon's "Sky Quartet," "Amazing Grace" for string quartet, "String Trio," "Sonata for Viola and Piano," and "Dark Wood" for strings, piano and bassoon.

Preliminary recordings for the project have already started with a full recording planned for completion by the end of 2011. The recording will be released by [Naxos](#), one of the world's leading classical music labels devoted to exciting new repertoire featuring exceptional talent.

"This project is an opportunity for Serafin Quartet to collaborate with one of today's leading contemporary composers, and we feel great affinity and appreciation for these works. We are pleased that Naxos has championed the project. It is an important project that will round out the scope of discography of Jennifer Higdon's earlier chamber works. These are excellent pieces that should not be neglected on the stage or in recorded format. It is an exciting "next step" in discography for Serafin String Quartet, as well," said Serafin violinist, Kate Ransom.

Serafin String Quartet will perform Higdon's "Amazing Grace" and movements from the "Sky Quartet" at their upcoming concert the Annenberg Center for the Arts in Philadelphia on February 4, 2011 at 8pm. To purchase tickets, please visit [www.pennpresents.org](http://www.pennpresents.org) or call 215-898-3900.

**About the Serafin String Quartet**

Hailed by the *New York Concert Review* for its "excellent music making...uncommonly fine interpretation" and by *The Strad Magazine* for "'playing with style and sophistication," 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 *Ensemble in Residence* at the University of Delaware. The Quartet 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](http://www.serafinquartet.org).

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