

SERAFIN STRING QUARTET

Kate Ransom and Lisa Vaupel, *violins*

Esme Allen-Creighton, *viola* and Lawrence Stomberg, *'cello*

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Serafin String Quartet Previews 2013-2014 Season

(Wilmington, Del.) July 22, 2013 – Serafin String Quartet announces key concert dates and events for the upcoming 2013-2014 season including the Naxos release on July 30 of the Quartet's world premiere recording early works by award-winning composer Jennifer Higdon; concerts at both World Cafe Live in Wilmington and Philadelphia in September; and continuation as *Ensemble in Residence* at the University of Delaware which includes public performances, student coaching, chamber music master classes, and collaboration with faculty. This fall also marks the first public performances by the Quartet with new violinist, Lisa Vaupel, who began working with the Serafins in May 2013. Vaupel, a noted ensemble player and experienced chamber musician, was awarded the 2010 Albert Beekhuis Award by the Delaware Symphony for performance excellence and service.

Serafin String Quartet Dates 2013-2014

- **Tuesday, July 30, 2013 - CD Release:** Naxos will release Serafin String Quartet's world premiere recording featuring early chamber works by Grammy and Pulitzer Prize winning composer Jennifer Higdon who's "vibrant and individual voice" (Limelight Magazine) can be heard in chamber works on this recording.
- **Saturday, September 7, 2013 at 8:00 p.m. - University of Delaware:** Serafin String Quartet will perform at the annual University of Delaware Music Department Gala at Mitchell Hall.
- **September 21, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. - World Cafe Live at the Queen in Wilmington:** Serafin String Quartet returns to World Cafe Live at The Queen for a collage concert titled "Musical Passport to Many Lands." The one-hour themed program features a "collage" of short selections by various composers along with insightful remarks by the musicians. Tickets on sale now at www.queentickets.worldcafelive.com.
- **Sunday, September 29, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. - World Cafe Live in Philadelphia:** The Serafins preview their 2013-2014 season with a performance and CD release party at World Cafe Live in Philadelphia. Special guest Jennifer Higdon, award-winning composer of the works featured on the new release will attend the event to discuss the recording and sign CDs. Tickets on sale now at www.philly.worldcafelive.com.
- **Sunday, November 3, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. - University of Delaware:** The Serafins perform in an Ensemble in Residence concert featuring works by Mozart, Higdon and Dvorak in Gore Recital Hall.
- **Saturday, January 11 and April 26, 2014 - Trinity Episcopal Church:** Serafin String Quartet returns to The Arts at Trinity community series with two performances.
- **Sunday, March 2 at 3pm - University of Delaware:** The Quartet performs works by Schumann, Green and Murray-Shafer joined by UD faculty colleagues, Julie Nishimura, *piano*; Anne Sullivan, *harp*; Todd Groves, *saxophone*; and Harvey Price, *percussion*.

Please visit www.serafinquartet.org for event details and pricing information.

About Serafin String Quartet

Serafin String Quartet's world premiere recording featuring early chamber works by award-winning composer Jennifer Higdon will be released by Naxos on July 30, 2013. The Quartet's debut recording (Centaur Records 2010) was 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 sellout crowds at repeat performances in New York City's Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall. 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 Kate



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Ransom. The other members of the Quartet play Testore instruments, thanks to the generosity of Dr. William J. Stegeman. For more information, please visit www.serafinquartet.org.