

The logo features a large, stylized blue letter 'S' that loops around itself. To the right of the 'S', the words 'SERAFIN STRING QUARTET' are written in a blue, serif, all-caps font. A horizontal blue line is positioned below the text.

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Kate Ransom and Lisa Vaupel, *violins*

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

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Serafin String Quartet and Jennifer Higdon Celebrate CD Release at World Cafe Live in Philadelphia

(Wilmington, Del.) September 6, 2013 – **Serafin String Quartet** and award-winning composer [Jennifer Higdon](#) will celebrate their Naxos CD release at World Cafe Live in Philadelphia on Sunday, September 29 at 7:30 p.m. The event will include a "season preview" performance by Serafin String Quartet, a complimentary reception and remarks by the Quartet and Higdon about the project.

The highly anticipated CD, now in full international release, features the world premiere recordings of Higdon's early chamber works. Higdon comments on the recording project, "To have the chance to revisit these older works, and examine them through the prism of time passed, in the context of how I write now, has been surprising and enjoyable. I am grateful for the hard work and innate musical gift that these musicians (Serafin String Quartet) have shared in putting this disc together. In short I am inspired by their enthusiasm and conviction."

If you go: Serafin String Quartet Season Preview Concert and CD Release Party with special guest Jennifer Higdon

When: Sunday, September 29 at 7:30 p.m.

Where: World Cafe Live Philadelphia - Upstairs, 3025 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19104

Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$15 at door <http://tickets.worldcafelive.com/>

Details: Doors open for an a la carte dinner menu beginning at 6:30 p.m.; complimentary reception to follow performance

About the Serafin String Quartet

Hailed for "playing with style and sophistication" by The Strad Magazine and for "combining true rhythmic precision, beautiful intonation, and beautiful articulation with an excellent sense of balance and deeply satisfying musical phrasing" by American Record Guide, 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 July 2013 Naxos release of the Quartet's CD features world premiere recordings of early chamber works by Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Jennifer Higdon. The Quartet's debut recording was released by Centaur Records in 2010 and is considered an "American Tapestry" of works by American composers and composers influenced by American sounds, including Barber, Dvorák, Gershwin and William Grant Still. Serafin String Quartet serves as *Quartet in Residence* at the University of Delaware and takes its name from master violinmaker, 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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