



# SERAFIN STRING QUARTET

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

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### **Marco Island Center for the Arts Presents Serafin String Quartet**

(Wilmington, Del.) November 17, 2015 – The [Marco Island Center for the Arts](#) presents [Serafin String Quartet](#) in a performance on Thursday, January 21 at 5:30 p.m. The Quartet's recent recording on Naxos was named "Top 10 Classical Albums of 2013" by Philadelphia's City Paper, and the Delaware-based Serafin String Quartet is sought after for performances around the nation.

The concert features quartets by Shostakovich and Grieg as well as the Florida premiere of two short pieces for quartet, *Veil of Leaves* and *Between the Accidental*, by noted young composer [Julia Adolphe](#). Adolphe's current commissions include a viola concerto for the [New York Philharmonic](#) and Principal Viola [Cynthia Phelps](#).

The Serafins share Adolphe's passion for exploring new works, and for expanding the musical conversation through the ages. The two brief works reveal her potential as a masterful string quartet composer. *Veil of Leaves* presents contrasting themes, and rich, earthy and dark sonorities contrasted by rhythmic exuberance and light harmonics. *Between the Accidental* juxtaposes highly dissonant sonorities with modal melodies.

The program also includes Dimitri Shostakovich String Quartet #3, a brilliant example of the composer's knack for conveying emotion, irony, character and sonic diversity. The program closes with Edvard Grieg String Quartet Op. 27, the only complete string quartet from this great Norwegian composer. Grieg offers the listener a romantic display echoing the vigor and joy of life and love, while also dancing with death and the darker side of human experience.

### ***If you go:* Marco Island Center for the Arts presents Serafin String Quartet**

**Thursday, January 21 at 5:30pm**

**Program: *Between the Accidental* and *Veil of Leaves* by Julia Adolphe along with Shostakovich String Quartet #3 and Grieg String Quartet Op. 27**

**1010 Winterberry Drive, Marco Island, Florida 34145**

**Tickets \$50**

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#### **About Serafin String Quartet**

Hailed for "silken finesse and gritty vibrancy" by *Gramophone Magazine* and for "playing with style and sophistication" by *The Strad Magazine*, 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 Quartet's highly acclaimed Naxos (2013) release featuring world premiere recordings of early chamber works by Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Jennifer Higdon was listed as "Top 10 Classical Albums in 2013" by Philadelphia's City Paper. The Quartet's debut recording on Centaur (2010) is an "American Tapestry" of works by American composers and composers influenced by American sounds, including Barber, Dvorák, Gershwin and William Grant Still. Featured by Strings Magazine for innovative concert programming, Serafin String Quartet has been applauded at performances around the nation. 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 SSQ violinist Kate Ransom. The other members play Testore instruments from the same era, thanks to generous support from Dr. William Stegeman. For more information, please visit [www.serafinquartet.org](http://www.serafinquartet.org).