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SERAFIN STRING QUARTET TO PLAY CONCERT AT ARCHMERE

**(Claymont, DE) October 16, 2014** – Archmere Academy’s Friends of The Patio will welcome the Music School of Delaware’s acclaimed Serafin String Quartet on Sunday, November 9, 2014, as the first featured act of this year’s *Helena Springer Green Raskob Concert Series*. The concert will take place at 3 p.m. in The Patio and is open to the public.

The widely acclaimed musicians of the Serafin String Quartet, Lisa Vaupel, Lawrence Stomberg, Kate Ransom and Esme Allen-Creighton, are the instructors of Archmere Academy’s new string program. As *Quartet in Residence* for the University of Delaware, and in visiting residencies at colleges, universities and high schools around the nation, the Serafins work with young musicians in a variety of settings including coaching, master classes, workshops, and "informances."

The Quartet, which debuted at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall in 2004, has received consistent praise for their live performances and recordings alike. Their recent recordings on Naxos (2013) and Centaur (2010) have received overwhelming critical acclaim including in *Fanfare*, *The Strad*, *American Record Guide* and *Gramophone*. The Quartet's Naxos world premiere recording featuring works by Jennifer Higdon was listed among the "Top Ten 2013 Recordings" in Philadelphia's City Paper. *New York Concert Review* has lauded the Quartet's live performances for "ensemble and intonation ... above reproach," and described their Debussy as "a shapely, finely conceived account" and their Haydn as having "rhythmic vitality and taut ensemble..."

The Quartet performs frequently around the United States and internationally. Recently, they have performed at a Philadelphia's Annenberg Center for the Arts, *Chamber Music Now* (PA), *Classicopia* (VT), *Fanfare* (LA), *Delaware Chamber Music Festival*, and St. John's Smith Square (United Kingdom), and have been re-engaged for performances at the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival (NC) in June 2015.

Tickets for the concert are \$35 for adults and \$20 for students. To purchase tickets, visit <http://www.archmereacademy.com/greenconcertseries> All event proceeds benefit restoration projects in The Patio. Archmere Academy is located at 3600 Philadelphia Pike in Claymont, Delaware.

For information regarding ticketing or the event, contact Events Coordinator, Allison McCord at 302-798-6632 ext. 706.

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