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Boris is also a member of the NewEar Contemporary Chamber Ensemble and Trio Lawrence. He has been featured on several commercial CDs, including the Complete Tchaikovsky String Quartets with the St. Petersburg String Quartet and Luis Humberto Salgado’s Chamber Music CD with the Kansas Virtuosi on Naxos Label, where he performs the Viola Sonata by the composer. The CD has received high reviews from The Strad, Gramophone, and BBC.

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