

Violist **Michelle LaCourse**, an active soloist and chamber musician, has appeared on four continents, including recent performances in France, Italy, Spain, Luxembourg, Brazil, China, and South Korea, and in many parts of the USA. She was formerly a member of the Lehigh Quartet, the Delphic String Trio and the Aeolian Trio, and currently performs with the Pangaea Chamber Players and the Convergence Ensemble. Her two recordings of new music for viola and piano, “Chocolates” and “An American Menagerie” were released on MSR Classics to rave reviews. She currently teaches viola and chairs the String Department at Boston University’s School of Music, where she was awarded BU’s Metcalf Cup and Prize, the university’s highest honor for excellence in teaching. She frequently presents master classes at music schools across the United States and internationally, and during the summer months she also teaches and performs at the annual Karen Tuttle Viola Workshops and BU’s Tanglewood Institute as well as a number of other festivals and workshops. Many of her former students currently enjoy playing and teaching positions around the globe.