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second CD, A Renaissance Portrait, was released in January of 2007, and he is hoping to release a third CD of Renaissance lute music in Spring 2009. In addition to Renaissance lute, Richard has performed as a magician, mentalist and guitarist and on euphonium and trombone with Minnesota brass ensembles. He has released a CD of satirical songs, spoken word pieces and instrumentals titled "The Tool Factory Project" and continues to pursue eclectic musical interests, performing and recording original songs and instrumental pieces ranging across a wide spectrum of musical influences, including rock and roll, jazz, ethnic sounds and electronic music.

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