

Kimi Tortuga

Soul-Pop / Indie-Rock



Singer-Songwriter
Performer
Recording Artist
Instructor
Multi-Instrumentalist

About



Kimi Tortuga is a **singer-songwriter, guitarist, and pianist** known for her **velvety vocals, instrumental prowess, and warm stage presence**. A Tampa Bay native, she began her musical journey at just 5 years old, forming an immediate and inconvertible bond with music that transcended all other ambitions. She performed classical music and jazz in various ensembles through the age of 18 before turning the page to indie-pop and soul-rock.

By age 21, Kimi began composing original works on piano and taught herself to sing, play ukulele, and then guitar, gleefully making her rounds at local open mics, blues jams, and other musical get togethers in the bustling Tampa Bay music scene. By age 24, she began performing full-time while living in Central America and traveling to Europe.

Fast forward to 2023: now having performed in over ten countries around the world, Kimi has developed an ethereal and soulful virtue all her own. Most recently she has:

- recorded and produced her first **full-length, all-original album** “Be Still,” which is streaming on all major platforms,
- landed **exciting performance contracts** with major local events like the Florida State Fair, and
- **produced original music concert events** such as “Metamorphosis: An Artist Becoming.”

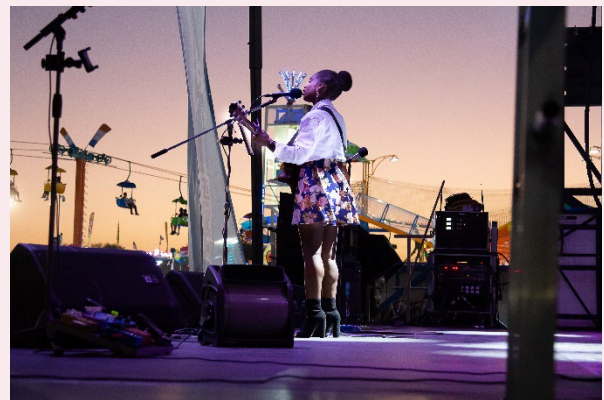
Past Performances

“Metamorphosis: An Artist Becoming” – March 2022

A concert produced by Kimi Tortuga featuring three other local singer-songwriters performing all original music and discussing their journey through artistry. (St. Pete, FL)



Florida State Fair 2022 and 2023



Past Performances

2022 Album Release Party



Bunny + Pirates 2021



Ringside Café 2019



Ruth Eckerd Hall 2016



Fact Sheet



Experience:

- Live vocal performance with self-accompaniment on **piano** and **acoustic guitar**, both solo-acoustic and in any size ensemble (duo, trio, band, etc.).
- Live performance in wind and string **ensembles**.
- **Domestic and international** performances in over 10 nations across the globe.

Skill:

- Fluent in Spanish and capable of live performance in Spanish.
- Composition, recording, and production of entire discography.
- Instruction of private and group music lessons for students of all ages.

Education:

- 2023: Berklee College of Music - Professional Jazz Guitar Certification
- 2019: University of South Florida - Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology

Musical Influences:

Nina Simone, Prince, Aretha Franklin, Whitney Houston, Norah Jones, Jimmy Page, Michael Jackson, Ella Fitzgerald, Celia Cruz, Buena Vista Social Club, Gypsy Kings, Steven Tyler, Eric Clapton, Dave Matthews, Corinne Bailey Rae, and more!

Links



Social Media Links:

kimitortuga.com

facebook.com/kimitortugamusic

instagram.com/kimitortuga

Music Links:

[Kimi's Spotify](#)

[Kimi's Apple Music](#)

[Kimi's iHeartRadio](#)

2021 Voyage Tampa Magazine Interview:

<http://voyagetampa.com/interview/life-work-with-kimi-tortuga-of-tampa/>

2022 Canvas Rebel Interview:

<https://canvasrebel.com/meet-kimi-tortuga/>

2023 Shoutout Atlanta Interview:

<https://shoutoutatlanta.com/meet-kimi-tortuga-singer-songwriter/>

Current Month's Events:

<https://www.kimitortuga.com/events>