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# 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 songwriting.

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 2024: 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,
- released additional singles from her upcoming album, “Cage the Sparrow,”
- landed **exciting performance contracts** with major local and international events, and
- **produced original music concert events** such as “Metamorphosis: An Artist Becoming.”

# 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](http://kimitortuga.com)

[facebook.com/kimitortugamusic](https://facebook.com/kimitortugamusic)

[instagram.com/kimitortuga](https://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/>

2023-2024 Feature in Costa Rica's *The Swell Dealer* Music & Arts Calendar:

<https://theswelldealer.com/music-and-the-arts/>

2025 Voyage Tampa Magazine Interview:

<https://voyagetampa.com/interview/life-work-with-kimi-tortuga-of-st-petersburg>