

J. Kimo Williams Biography

On June 1, 1969, J. Kimo Williams was captivated as he witnessed Jimi Hendrix's performance of "Spanish Castle Magic" in Hawaii. This experience solidified his commitment to a life devoted to music. On July 4, 1969, he joined the Army and was sent to Vietnam. He fought with his M16 and also performed for the troops on his guitar. After Vietnam, he attended Berklee Music School in 1972.

His debut CD, "War Stories," was released in 1991, receiving 4.5 stars from Downbeat Magazine. This album drew from his experiences during the Vietnam War. As a Vietnam Veteran dealing with PTSD and disabilities, his compositions often drew inspiration from his military background.

In 2001, his album, "Tracking," was released featuring jazz-fusion musicians Vinnie Colaiuta, Michael Brecker, and actor-musician Gary Sinise. Collaborating with Sinise led to J. Kimo's formation of the Lt Dan Band.

Since 2012, J. Kimo retired from performing live and has engaged in extensive recording projects.

He views his music as a conduit for meaningful emotional connection and communication between himself and his audience.