Kimo was born in Amityville, New York, and spent much of his childhood divided between Air Force bases, urban neighborhoods of Baltimore, rural Mississippi and on his grandparents' sharecropper farm in North Carolina.

He holds an MA in Management from Webster University and a BA in Composition from Berklee College of Music in Boston.

As a composer, his symphonic works have been performed by the symphonies of Maryland, Detroit, Atlanta, Savannah, Philadelphia, Indianapolis, Alabama, Lancaster, PA, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, Czech Republic, and others.

He has received numerous awards including the Lancaster Symphony's 38th Recipient - Composers Award for Contributions to American Music. He is a Fulbright Specialist and Encore Purpose Prize Fellow

His photography has won several awards dating back to the early 1980s. His works have been featured in The *Smithsonian Magazine*, *National Geographic* Editor's Choice, and Chicago's *National Veterans Arts Museum*.

In 2003, he co-founded and directed the "Lt Dan Band," performing for the USO worldwide. During these tours, he captured images from around the world to include Afghanistan and Kuwait.

Recently his photography was selected for inclusion in the 2022 new Apple TV+ series, *RIPPLE EFFECTS*, starring Emmy Award winner Elisabeth Moss, with Oscar-winner Leonardo DiCaprio as executive producer.

Kimo and his creative partner and wife Carol (an exhibited artist and opinion writer for several newspapers) live in Shepherdstown, West Virginia, on a cliff overlooking the Potomac River.