

## James Kimo Williams – Short Bio

James Kimo Williams is a Vietnam veteran and American composer whose music blends the symphonic tradition with contemporary cultural storytelling. His works have been performed by major orchestras and ensembles across the United States, Europe, and Asia, including the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Philadelphia Orchestra, and Deutsches Symphonie-Orchester Berlin. His widely performed *\*Fanfare for Life\** and *\*Symphony for Vietnam Veterans\**—featured on NPR’s *\*Performance Today\**—reflect his lifelong engagement with themes of service, memory, and civic identity. A Fulbright Specialist and former U.S. Army Bandmaster, Williams continues to compose in classical and progressive-rock genres from his home in West Virginia.