



Press Release

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Chicago Composer/Musician **Kimo Williams** performs with his *Symphonic-BigBand-Rock* ensemble, **KIMOTION**.

Kimotion will be performing January 23rd and 24th at the Columbia College Chicago Getz Theatre, 72 E 11th St. at **7:30pm**. Tickets are \$10.00 for general admissions and \$5.00 for anyone with a faculty or student ID. Call 773-489-4998 for additional information and to make reservation. Proceeds from this event will benefit **ArtSynergy** a Columbia College collaborative inter-arts initiative between the United States and Vietnam.

On October 17th, Little Beck Music (LBM) released the CD ***Tracking***, which features the music of Columbia College Chicago professor /composer/ musician Kimo Williams and his ensemble ***Kimotion***. Kimo Williams and actor/musician Gary Sinise produced this CD. Kimo and Gary share the electric bass tracks along with bassist great Victor Bailey. Also performing on the CD are drum legend Vinnie Colaiuta and tenor sax great Michael Brecker.

Kimotion, formerly known as The ***Paumalu Symphony*** was formed in 1975. Kimo wrote music specifically for his ensemble so as to express his compositional concepts. These concepts involved his own unique harmonic technique called ***Diagonal Harmony***. With 22 musicians, the ***Kimotion*** ensemble includes four trumpets, four trombones, five saxes, two guitars, keyboards, percussion, bass, drums, three violins, viola and cello. The music is high energy combining rock with jazz and all places in-between.

Reviews of Kimo's Symphonic Big Band Rock music are as follows

- "Powerful Stuff 4 1/2 stars" **Downbeat**
- "A fat slick sound with horns slicing through guitar grunge" **Jazziz**
- "Williams' comes up with a sound that is sheer energy and unpretentious" **The Chicago SunTimes**
- "Williams' brilliant, razor-edged mosaics bristle with the audacious rawness of Zappa" **JazzTimes**

For Additional Information on **KIMOTION** please visit www.kimotion.org.