Kimberlye McKinney is a woman of strength, power and unlimited energy whose music is defined as edgy, classy and fun. The female saxophonist, songwriter, and producer; has a fresh sound, fresh face, and steps over ordinary into extraordinary.

The native Georgian was raised in Birmingham, Alabama. Her musical influence began at an early age by her father who noticed her artistic musical expressions at the tender age of two. She was also introduced to playing several instruments. At age eleven, Kimberlye switched her interest to alto and tenor saxophone and embarked on a path to become a novice songwriter. She began to fall more in love with music, sitting in front of her record player and transcribing songs like El Debarge’s, “I like It” and Patty LaBelle’s, “If Only You Knew”. Kimberlye grew up influenced by musical greats like John Coltrane, Charlie Parker, Ronnie Laws, Sonny Rollins, Bob Marley, Steel Pulse, Al Green, Chick Corea, Cannonball Adderley and others. Gravitating to all genres of music, Kimberlye combines a plethora of influences that is embraced and felt in her music.

She attended and graduated from Shaw University located in Raleigh, North Carolina on a music scholarship and degree in English Studies and Philosophy and began working on her solo career at age twenty-one. Kimberlye became recognized as a female jazz soloist with her first “Untitled” single produced by bass player Bernard Harris, which caught the attention of radio station WSHA 88.9FM, receiving great responses from local as well as national listeners and was invited to the radio station to appear as a guest artist. Kim’s relationship with Chella, a radio personality from WSHA 88.9FM, grew when she was invited backstage where she met saxophonist Donald Harrison.

In her pursuit to musical greatness, Kimberlye has shared the stage with gospel greats; Vanessa Bell Armstrong, Dottie Peoples, and other nationally known artist. Kimberlye has decided to take her career further not only as an artist but incorporating professionalism as a businesswoman where she attended Full Sail University’s Entertainment Business Master’s Program. Currently you can see Kimberlye performing in cities across the United States and extending globally.