Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Tanya-Monique Kersey

Kersey, Tanya-Monique

Alternative Names: Tanya-Monique Kersey;

Life Dates: March 22, 1961-

Place of Birth: New York, New York, USA

Residence: Los Angeles, CA

Work: Beverly Hills, CA

Occupations: Magazine Editor; Magazine Publishing Chief Executive

Biographical Note

Magazine editor and magazine publishing chief executive Tanya-Monique Kersey was born on March 22, 1961 in New York City, New York to Cynthia and Al Smith Kersey. She earned her B.A. degree in political science and sociology from Douglass College at Rutgers University in 1983. Kersey began her entertainment career working as a model. She then
transitioned into acting, performing in commercials, voiceovers and industrial films.


In 2002 Kersey was named a “Living History Maker” by *Turning Point Magazine*. In this same year, she was also named one of Hollywood’s Urban Movers and Shakers by *Daily Variety* for her work as publisher and editor-in-chief of *Black Talent News*, as well as for being the founder and executive director of the Hollywood Black Film Festival. Kersey serves on the marketing advisory board of the Independent Feature Project/West and the Pan African Film and Television Festival of Ouagadougou. She is also a member of the
Media Industry Advisory Board at West Los Angeles College.

Tanya- Monique Kersey was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on July 8, 2007.

Related Entries

St. Benedict Day Nursery [STUDENTOf]
[from ? to ?]

P.S. 41 02M041 Greenwich Village School [STUDENTOf]
[from ? to ?]

Haworth Public School [STUDENTOf]
[from ? to ?]

Northern Valley Regional High School at Demarest [STUDENTOf]
[from ? to ?]

Diploma

Douglass Residential College [STUDENTOf]
[from ? to ?]

B.A. in political science and sociology

Author [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from ? to ?]

Author

Black Talent News [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from ? to ?]

Founder

Infotainment Conference [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from ? to ?]

Founder
Hollywood Black Film Festival [Employee Of]
[from ? to ?]

Founder

Vibe Magazine [Employee Of]
[from 1992 to 1993]

Launch Team

Comp USA [Employee Of]
[from 1993 to 1995]

Corporate Sales Representative

Ican Federation of Television and Radio Artists [Member Of]
[from ? to ?]

Member

Screen Actors Guild and American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (SAG-AFTRA) [Member Of]
[from ? to ?]

Member

Television Critics Association (U.S.) [Member Of]
[from ? to ?]

Member

African American Film Critics Association [Member Of]
[from ? to ?]

Member