Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Charles Bush

Overview of the Collection

Repository: The HistoryMakers® 1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616
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Creator: Bush, Charles, 1942-

Title: The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Charles Bush,

Dates: November 29, 2016

Bulk Dates: 2016

Physical Description: 8 uncompressed MOV digital video files (4:03:05).

Abstract: Entrepreneur Charles Bush (1942 - ) began his entrepreneurial career at age 16, as a club owner. He would go on to own and operate, or invest in, over 60 nightclub and entertainment ventures in Houston and surrounding cities. Bush was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on November 29, 2016, in Houston, Texas. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.

Identification: A2016_138

Language: The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Entrepreneur Charles Bush was born in Clearview, Oklahoma to Charlie Bush and Octavia Johnson McDonald. Bush graduated from De La Salle Military Academy in Kansas City, Missouri and went on to attend Texas Southern University. Bush purchased the Star Dust Motel in 1971, which included on its property the 20 Grand Club. He went on to own or invest in numerous clubs throughout the Houston, Texas area such as The 50 Yardline, The Speak Easy, Champagne Room, Pizzazz, Real Faces, Jam City, Rag Tops, and La Club Rivera. In 1981, Bush began to diversify his investments by acquiring Charlie’s Oyster Bar, Grand Records in 1982, and Grand Motor Cars in 1983. In the late 1990's and 2000's Bush expanded into the airport concessions business at George Bush Intercontinental Airport, opening Tailwinds Bar & Snacks Foods, Time Out Bar, and Primo Coffees and Liqueurs. At the Dallas/Ft. Worth International Airport he also opened Riders World Bar Grub and Gear, an iconic motorcycle themed concept. Bush continued to grow his airport concessions enterprises, investing in various Bijoux Terner Fashion Accessories Stores. In 2008, Charles Bush Consulting LLC engaged in joint ventures and convention center projects. For more than forty years, Bush has owned and operated over eighty-eight night clubs, bars and restaurants though his GLOBAL HOSPITALITY BRAND operation.

Bush has received numerous awards and recognitions for his business ventures. He was presented three City Medallions by former mayors of Houston, a certificate of appreciation for meritorious service to the community by the City of Houston, a certificate of merit by the Legislative Black Caucus of the State of Texas, and the Mickey Leland 18th Congressional District Service Award. He was also the recipient of a Sports Merit Award from Texas International Sports, a Community Involvement Award from All American Rodeo Association, a Hall of Fame Award by the Club Owners Association, and was named Club Owner of the Year for ten consecutive years by the Night Club Owners Association.

Bush has two sons, Charles Andre and Charles J., and two daughters, Ryan and Taylor.
Charles Bush was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on November 29, 2016.

### Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Charles Bush was conducted by Larry Crowe on November 29, 2016, in Houston, Texas, and was recorded on 8 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Entrepreneur Charles Bush (1942-) began his entrepreneurial career at age 16, as a club owner. He would go on to own and operate, or invest in, over 60 nightclub and entertainment ventures in Houston and surrounding cities.

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Information about the administrative functions involved in scheduling, researching, and producing the interview, as well as correspondence with the interview subject is stored electronically both on The HistoryMakers® server and in two databases maintained by The HistoryMakers®, though this information is not included in this finding aid.

### Controlled Access Terms

This interview collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

**Persons:**

Bush, Charles, 1942-
Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)
Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

**Subjects:**

African Americans--Interviews
Bush, Charles, 1942- --Interviews

**Organizations:**

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)
The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Entrepreneur

HistoryMakers® Category:

BusinessMakers

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Interview footage was recorded by The HistoryMakers®. All rights to the interview have been transferred to The HistoryMakers® by the interview subject through a signed interview release form. Signed interview release forms have been deposited with Jenner & Block, LLP, Chicago.

Preferred Citation


Processing Information

This interview collection was processed and encoded on 5/30/2023 by The HistoryMakers® staff. The finding aid was created adhering to the following standards: DACS, AACR2, and the Oral History Cataloging Manual (Matters 1995).

Other Finding Aid

A Microsoft Access contact database and a FileMaker Pro tracking database, both maintained by The HistoryMakers®, keep track of the administrative functions involved in scheduling, researching, and producing the interview.

Detailed Description of the Collection

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