

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Tanya Hart

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Hart, Tanya
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Tanya Hart,
Dates:	August 16, 2017
Bulk Dates:	2017
Physical Description:	9 uncompressed MOV digital video files (4:03:46).
Abstract:	Producer and television host Tanya Hart (1949 -) launched BET's West Coast production operations and served as host and contributing producer of the Emmy-award-winning show, <i>Coming Together</i> , she also hosted <i>Live from LA with Tanya Hart</i> . Hart was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on August 16, 2017, in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2017_156
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Producer and television host Tanya Hart was born on January 29, 1949 in Muskegon, Michigan to Lewis Hinton and Jean Hinton. She received her B.A. degree in communication from Michigan State University in East Lansing, Michigan in 1971, and her M.Ed. degree from the Harvard Graduate School of Education in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1976.

Hart worked for WBZ-TV, the NBC affiliate in Boston, where she served as host and contributing producer of *Coming Together* an Emmy Award winning prime-time news magazine series. She was also an announcer for WBZ's evening newscast and hosted and produced syndicated specials. After eleven years at WBZ, Hart moved to Los Angeles in 1990 and joined BET's West Coast production operations and helped launched its first program in BET's Burbank Studios. There, Hart served as host and senior producer of BET's, *Live From LA with Tanya Hart*, where she interviewed celebrities and recorded over three hundred episodes. Also in 1990, she interviewed Winnie Mandela during the world tour with Nelson Mandela, for a U.S. television exclusive. In 1992, Hart was based at the Walt Disney Studios lot, where her company, Tanya Hart Communications, developed and produced films, television programs, syndicated radio programs, and music with Boston International Records and Hollywood Records. In 1995, Hart became an entertainment correspondent on the KACE-FM morning show in Los Angeles. She also served as a host with Roger Ebert covering the Academy Awards, and appeared as herself in the iconic *All My Children*. For six years, she served as a correspondent and alternate host of E! Entertainment's *The Gossip Show*. From 2001 to 2005, Hart hosted the daily syndicated radio feature *Hart Moments* which her company also produced. In 2003, excerpts from her interview with Tupac Shakur were featured in the documentary *Tupac: Resurrection*. In 2005, she released her debut album *Tanya Hart Sings*. She has also produced several documentaries for PBS, as well an audio documentary *Ray Charles: The Music Lives On*. In 2006, Hart was a producer and guest disc jockey on *Live in Hollywood*, the weekly syndicated television show. She became host of *Hollywood Live with Tanya Hart* on American Urban Radio Networks (AURN). Hart has also appeared on

Rolonda, Court TV, Inside Edition, Celebrity Justice, Sally Jessy Raphael, Geraldo and Forgive or Forget.

Hart has been recognized with numerous awards, including The Diversity In Media Award from the Caucus of Producers, Writers and Directors, four Emmys, eight Emmy nominations, and five medals from the International TV and Film Festival of New York. In addition, she received the Peabody and Ohio State Awards for her documentary films. In 2016, she became co-chair of The Caucus for Producers, Writers & Directors, making her the first African-American and first woman to lead the organization

Tanya Hart was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on August 16, 2017.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Tanya Hart was conducted by Larry Crowe on August 16, 2017, in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, and was recorded on 9 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Producer and television host Tanya Hart (1949 -) launched BET's West Coast production operations and served as host and contributing producer of the Emmy-award-winning show, *Coming Together*, she also hosted *Live from LA with Tanya Hart*.

Restrictions

Restrictions on Access

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Related Material

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:

Hart, Tanya

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Hart, Tanya--Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Producer

Television Host

HistoryMakers® Category:

MediaMakers

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

The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Tanya Hart, August 16, 2017. The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection, 1900 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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

Series I: Original Interview Footage

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- Video Oral History Interview with Tanya Hart, Section A2017_156_001_003, TRT: 3:29:59 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Tanya Hart, Section A2017_156_001_004, TRT: 4:28:11 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Tanya Hart, Section A2017_156_001_005, TRT: 5:30:14 ?
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