

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Anne-Marie Johnson

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Johnson, Anne-Marie, 1960-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Anne-Marie Johnson,
Dates:	March 2, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	6 uncompressed MOV digital video files (2:43:57).
Abstract:	Actress Anne-Marie Johnson (1960-) was known for portraying “Althea Tibbs” on the NBC/CBS television series <i>In the Heat of the Night</i> . She performed in numerous television series and motion pictures and in 2005, was elected first national vice president of the Screen Actors Guild. Johnson was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on March 2, 2018, in Los Angeles, California. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_026
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Actress Anne-Marie Johnson was born on July 18, 1960 in Los Angeles, California to Joseph P. and Ann Clay Johnson. She graduated from John Marshall High School in Los Angeles and enrolled at UCLA in the School of Theatre, Film and Television in 1978. She received her B.A. degree in acting and theatre in 1982 from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Johnson she was a contestant on popular game shows, *Card Sharks* and *Child’s Play*. She appeared on the pilot episode of *Body Language*, a Mark Goodson Productions game show in 1984. Johnson appeared in her first role, as Aileen Lewis on the 1984 NBC comedy series *Double Trouble*. That year, she made a guest appearance on the NBC sitcom *Diff’rent Strokes* and episodes of the serial police drama *Hill Street Blues*. In 1985, following a guest appearance on NBC’s cop series *Hunter*, Johnson was cast in the principal role of Nadine on the sitcom *What’s Happening Now*, airing for three seasons. She played the role of Lydia/Willie Mae /Hooker #5 in Robert Townsend’s film, *Hollywood Shuffle* in 1987 and the role of Cherry in Keenan Ivory Wayans’ “cult classic” film *I’m Gonna Git You Sucka*. She became known for portraying “Althea Tibbs” on the NBC/CBS television series *In the Heat of the Night* from 1988 to 1993. During the offseason, Johnson appeared in four films including *Robot Jox*, *The Five Heartbeats*, *True Identity* and *Strictly Business*. Johnson joined the cast of *In Living Color*, in its last season, starring in 24 episodes. A noted impressionist, she was credited for her celebrity portrayals of Oprah Winfrey, Mary Tyler Moore and Whitney Houston on the series, from 1993–1994.

Johnson has performed in television series and motion pictures including *Homicide*, *Matlock*, *Division 4* (Australia), *High School USA*, *Dream Date*, *Lucky Chances*, *Singer & Sons*, *The Larry Sanders Show*, *Living Single*, *Babylon 5*, *Sirens*, *Murder She Wrote*, *Melrose Place*, *SpiderMan-Animated Series*, *Asteroid*, *Smart Guy*, *JAG*, *Any Day Now*, *The Pretender*, *Chicago Hope*, *It’s Like You Know*, *Ally McBeal*, *Hope Island*, *Happily Ever After: Fairy Tales for Every Child*, *Chicken Soup for the Soul*, *For Your Love*, *X-Files*, *Strong Medicine*, *The*

Parkers, The District, Dharma & Greg, Through The Fire, The System, What I Like About You, The Division, Rock Me Baby, Girlfriends, That's So Raven, CSI: Crime Scene Investigation, Bones, NCIS, Tyler Perry's House of Payne, Boston Legal, Uncorked, I'm in the Band, Fairly Legal, Leverage, Days of Our Lives, Murder in the First, Chasing Life, Pretty Little Liars, Children's Hospital, Grey's Anatomy, Castle, Major Crimes and Wet Hot American Summer: Ten Years Later.

Johnson was elected First National Vice President of the Screen Actors Guild representing in 2005.

Anne-Marie Johnson was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on March 1, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Anne-Marie Johnson was conducted by Harriette Cole on March 2, 2018, in Los Angeles, California, and was recorded on 6 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Actress Anne-Marie Johnson (1960-) was known for portraying “Althea Tibbs” on the NBC/CBS television series *In the Heat of the Night*. She performed in numerous television series and motion pictures and in 2005, was elected first national vice president of the Screen Actors Guild.

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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:

Johnson, Anne-Marie, 1960-

Cole, Harriette (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Johnson, Anne-Marie, 1960- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Actress

HistoryMakers® Category:

EntertainmentMakers

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

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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

Video Oral History Interview with Anne-Marie Johnson, Section A2018_026_001_001, TRT: 1:27:56 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Anne-Marie Johnson, Section A2018_026_001_002, TRT: 2:30:05 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Anne-Marie Johnson, Section A2018_026_001_003, TRT: 3:29:20 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Anne-Marie Johnson, Section A2018_026_001_004, TRT: 4:28:27 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Anne-Marie Johnson, Section A2018_026_001_005, TRT: 5:26:07 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Anne-Marie Johnson, Section A2018_026_001_006, TRT: 6:22:02 ?