

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Kym Longino

---

## Overview of the Collection

<b>Repository:</b>	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
<b>Creator:</b>	Longino, Kim, 1957-
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Kym Longino,
<b>Dates:</b>	March 19, 2018
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2018
<b>Physical Description:</b>	6 uncompressed MOV digital video files (2:19:58).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Stuntwoman Kym Longino (1957 - ) worked as a stunt performer for over thirty years, appearing in over eighty films and television shows, and working with actresses like Whoopi Goldberg and Oprah Winfrey. Longino was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on March 19, 2018, in Frederick, Maryland. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2018_051
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

---

## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Stuntwoman Kym Longino was born on October 19, 1957 in Boston, Massachusetts to Carol Washington and Richard Washington, a Hollywood stuntman and stunt coordinator. Longino graduated from Alexander Hamilton High School in Los Angeles in 1975, and attended Santa Monica City College, where she studied business and health science.

In 1979, Longino served as the stunt double for Nichelle Nichols in *Star Trek: The Motion Picture*; and again, in 1982, for the film *Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan*. In 1985, Longino was a stunt double for both Oprah Winfrey and Whoopi Goldberg in *The Color Purple*. In 1988, Longino performed stunts in the movie *Mississippi Burning* alongside her father, Richard Washington. From 1988 to 2012, Longino worked as a stunt performer on the television show *America's Most Wanted*. She also performed stunts on the television show *Rescue 911* from 1989 to 1996 as well as the film *Ghostbusters II* in 1989. A long time stunt double for Whoopi Goldberg, Longino performed stunts in several of her films during the 1990s, including *Ghost* in 1990, *Sister Act* in 1992, *Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit* in 1993, *Made in America* in 1993, and *Corrina, Corrina* in 1994. In 1999, she performed stunts in *Girl, Interrupted*; and in 2001, she was appeared as a stuntwoman in *Hannibal*. Longino was a stunt driver on the television show *Third Watch* from 1999 to 2005. She worked as both a stunt performer and stunt driver in *Taxi* (2004) and in *King's Ransom* (2005). In 2006, Longino was featured in a documentary about top African American stuntwomen called *Hollywood At Its Best*. Longino has worked as a stunt double for Queen Latifah, Viola Davis, Tamara Tunie, Halle Berry, Denise Richards, and Taraji P. Henson on the television show *Person of Interest* from 2011 to 2013. She also appeared in over eighty films and television shows, and acted in commercials for Dodge, GMC Trucks, Toyota, Pizza Hut, and McDonalds.

Longino was a member of the Screen Actors Guild and an Arbonne independent representative. In 2011, she received a Diamond in the Raw Lifetime Achievement Award and an Alzheimer's Association Celebrity Guest Award.

Kym Longino was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on March 19, 2018.

---

# Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Kym Longino was conducted by Harriette Cole on March 19, 2018, in Frederick, Maryland, and was recorded on 6 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Stuntwoman Kym Longino (1957 - ) worked as a stunt performer for over thirty years, appearing in over eighty films and television shows, and working with actresses like Whoopi Goldberg and Oprah Winfrey.

---

# Restrictions

## Restrictions on Access

Restrictions may be applied on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of The HistoryMakers®.

## Restrictions on Use

All use of materials and use credits must be pre-approved by The HistoryMakers®. Appropriate credit must be given. Copyright is held by The HistoryMakers®.

---

# 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:

Longino, Kim, 1957-

Cole, Harriette (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

## Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Longino, Kim, 1957- --Interviews

---

# Organizations:

---

## HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

---

## The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

---

### Occupations:

Hollywood Stuntwoman

---

### 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

The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Kym Longino, March 19, 2018. 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

Video Oral History Interview with Kym Longino, Section A2018\_051\_001\_001, TRT: 1:30:15 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Kym Longino, Section A2018\_051\_001\_002, TRT: 2:28:47 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Kym Longino, Section A2018\_051\_001\_003, TRT: 3:31:15 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Kym Longino, Section A2018\_051\_001\_004, TRT: 4:27:16 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Kym Longino, Section A2018\_051\_001\_005, TRT: 5:13:26 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Kym Longino, Section A2018\_051\_001\_006, TRT: 6:08:59 ?