

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Alex Askew

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## 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>	Askew, Alex, 1967-
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Alex Askew,
<b>Dates:</b>	April 27, 2018
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2018
<b>Physical Description:</b>	9 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:36:15).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Chef Alex Askew (1967 - ) Askew was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on April 27, 2018, in New York, New York. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2018_083
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Chef Alex Askew was born on August 16, 1967 in Brooklyn, New York to Caroline Butler Askew and Aulander Askew, Sr. At the age of fourteen, he received his first job offer as a personal chef through a high school vocational work program; and after six years of working in a variety of restaurants in and out of New York City, he decided to attend the Culinary Institute of America and graduated in 1989. With a focus on eating lifestyles and trends in new menu alternatives, he began food research, development, and consulting for companies; General Mills, Hilton Hotels, Aramark Corporation, Specialty Restaurants and a host of private clients. Askew has also created one of the most unique consortiums of chefs under one group (ALS Culinary Concepts) for consulting in areas of menu development, R&D, start up operations, systems and controls, training, food manufacturing, business planning and concept development. While working in restaurants that broadened his experience in different cooking styles as well as cuisines which included Cajun and Creole, Holistic, Latin and American fusion, Askew co-founded the BCAGlobal in 1993, which dedicates itself to Education, Awareness, and Exposure for young minority students seeking careers within the culinary and hospitality industry. Askew has enjoyed guest appearances on *Good Morning America*, *CBS Early Morning Show*, and the Food Network. He was a 2001 Doctorate of Foodservice recipient from the North American Foodservice Equipment Manufacturers, a Distinguished Visited Chef (DVC) for Sullivan University, and 2011 Business Leader of Year from the Marcella Brown Foundation. In May 2012, he received the distinguished New York Institute of Technology Global Leadership Award and served on the American Culinary Federation as Board member Accreditation Commission. In 2014, Askew was selected as a 2014 National Kellogg Fellow in Leadership in the Racial, Equity and Healing (REH) cohort. With over thirty-five years in the restaurant and hospitality field, Askew continues his use of knowledge and experience as a foundation for further growth and development in the best industry in the world and continues the important social change work for the advancement of people of color in the culinary arts.

Alex Askew was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on April 27, 2018.

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## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Alex Askew was conducted by Harriette Cole on April 27, 2018, in New York, New York, and was recorded on 9 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Chef Alex Askew (1967 - )

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# Restrictions

## Restrictions on Access

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

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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.

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# Controlled Access Terms

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

## Persons:

Askew, Alex, 1967-

Cole, Harriette (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

## Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Askew, Alex, 1967- --Interviews

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# Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

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The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

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# Occupations:

Chef

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# HistoryMakers® Category:

BusinessMakers

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## 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).

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## 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.

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## Detailed Description of the Collection

### Series I: Original Interview Footage

- Video Oral History Interview with Alex Askew, Section A2018\_083\_001\_001, TRT: 1:28:43 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Alex Askew, Section A2018\_083\_001\_002, TRT: 2:29:01 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Alex Askew, Section A2018\_083\_001\_003, TRT: 3:28:37 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Alex Askew, Section A2018\_083\_001\_004, TRT: 4:27:51 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Alex Askew, Section A2018\_083\_001\_005, TRT: 5:28:36 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Alex Askew, Section A2018\_083\_001\_006, TRT: 6:27:43 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Alex Askew, Section A2018\_083\_001\_007, TRT: 7:29:38 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Alex Askew, Section A2018\_083\_001\_008, TRT: 8:08:05 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Alex Askew, Section A2018\_083\_001\_009, TRT: 9:08:01 ?