

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Terisa Griffin

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Griffin, Terisa, 1969-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Terisa Griffin,
Dates:	July 14, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	8 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:47:48).
Abstract:	Singer Terisa Griffin (1969-) has recorded numerous commercial jingles for popular brands and toured with music legends Jerry Butler and Patti LaBelle. She established My Naked Soul Productions, as owner and president in 1997. Griffin was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on July 14, 2018, in Chicago, Illinois. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_142
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Singer Terisa Griffin was born on August 25, 1969 in Monroe, Louisiana. She graduated Wossman High School in Monroe, Louisiana and attended Northeastern Louisiana University in Monroe, Louisiana on a music scholarship where she studied operatic singing.

Griffin relocated to Chicago, Illinois and sang backup for Diana Ross on a telecast of *The Oprah Winfrey Show*. She also toured with R&B legend Jerry Butler. Griffin worked for various Chicago advertising agencies recording jingles for commercials. In 1997, Griffin established her own independent music company, My Naked Soul Productions where she wrote, produced and starred in a series of one-woman shows including: *One Voice, One Woman, Fantasy-A Tribute to the Divas of Song and Stage: Josephine Baker, Lena Horne, Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald and Sarah Vaughn, Queens of R & B- A Tribute to the Queens of Rhythm and Blues: Dinah Washington, Diana Ross, Aretha Franklin, Donna Summers and Tina Turner, and Songs Divas – A Tribute to Famous Song*.

In 1998, Griffin released her first album *Songbird* as an introduction of original and cover works showcasing her vocal skills. In 2002, she toured with Patti LaBelle and performed background vocals. That same year, Griffin produced and presented her one-woman show, *One Woman. One Voice: A Musical Tribute to the Queens of Song*. She also produced and presented *Fantasy: The Divas of Song and Stage*, a tribute to Josephine Baker, Eartha Kitt, Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald and Lena Horne. Griffin debuted her first full-length release, *My Naked Soul* showcasing her talents as a songwriter and producer. In 2007, Griffin established the nonprofit organization, Better Love Yourself, Inc. and served as its CEO and president. In 2011, Griffin provided the title song and appeared in the independent short film *The Truth*, directed by Hill Harper. She also released her sophomore double-disc, *Soulzophrenic 'Personalities of Soul'* R&B and Dance releases. In 2012, Terisa Griffin auditioned for the NBC television reality series *The Voice* with a performance of Adele's *Someone Like You* where she was selected as a contestant on NBC's *The Voice* Season 3. In 2015, Griffin made *Billboard* Charts with her CD *Revival of Soul* which peaked at #33 on August 27, 2016. In 2016, Griffin and Better Love Yourself, Inc. celebrated ten years of

service.

Terisa Griffin was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on July 14, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Terisa Griffin was conducted by Larry Crowe on July 14, 2018, in Chicago, Illinois, and was recorded on 8 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Singer Terisa Griffin (1969-) has recorded numerous commercial jingles for popular brands and toured with music legends Jerry Butler and Patti LaBelle. She established My Naked Soul Productions, as owner and president in 1997.

Restrictions

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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:

Griffin, Terisa, 1969-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Griffin, Terisa, 1969- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Singer

HistoryMakers® Category:

MusicMakers

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 Terisa Griffin, Section A2018_142_001_001, TRT: 1:30:10 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Terisa Griffin, Section A2018_142_001_002, TRT: 2:30:08 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Terisa Griffin, Section A2018_142_001_003, TRT: 3:28:18 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Terisa Griffin, Section A2018_142_001_004, TRT: 4:31:42 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Terisa Griffin, Section A2018_142_001_005, TRT: 5:28:40 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Terisa Griffin, Section A2018_142_001_006, TRT: 6:27:59 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Terisa Griffin, Section A2018_142_001_007, TRT: 7:29:32 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Terisa Griffin, Section A2018_142_001_008, TRT: 8:21:19 ?