

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Kevan Hall

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Hall, Kevan, 1957-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Kevan Hall,
Dates:	December 14, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	6 uncompressed MOV digital video files (2:53:07).
Abstract:	Fashion designer Kevan Hall (1957-) founded the Kevan Hall Company and was best known for his couture red carpet designs and his role as the design and creative director of Halston. Hall was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on December 14, 2018, in Los Angeles, California. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_230
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Fashion designer Kevan Hall was born on October 11, 1957 in Detroit, Michigan to Angeline and Curtis Hall. He graduated from Cass Technical High School in Detroit, Michigan in 1975 and earned his A.A. degree from the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in Los Angeles, California. He also completed coursework at the University of California, Los Angeles and the Otis Art Institute of the Parsons School of Design in Los Angeles, California.

In 1977, Hall began his fashion career as an assistant to sportswear designer Harriet Selwyn at her company, Harriet Selwyn Fragments, Co. He subsequently worked as an independent freelance designer and as senior designer for the girls' junior sportswear brand, On Top of California, from 1980 to 1982. In 1983, he founded Kevan Hall Couture, selling his designs to luxury retailers including Neiman Marcus, Saks, and Bergdorf Goodman. In 1997, Hall joined Halston NYC as the design and creative director, where he worked until the spring of 2000. A year later, he founded Kevan Hall Company and launched his own signature ready to wear line, the Kevan Hall Collection. In January of 2014, Hall launched Kevan Hall SPORT, a lifestyle brand of active wear for women. Hall and his designs have been featured at *Vogue's* Met Gala in New York, and in the television shows *Kimora: Life in the Fab Lane* and *America's Next Top Model*, which featured his spring 2009 collection as a runway challenge while he served as a guest judge. Adrienne Maloof from *Real Housewives of Beverly Hills* featured Hall's collection in a fashion show to introduce her new shoe line. Hall has also made guest appearances on national television shows such as *Inside Edition*, *Extreme Makeover*, *The Better Half*, and *E!'s Fashion Police*.

After graduating from Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, Hall received the Peacock Award for Outstanding Fashion Design. In 1989, the NAACP named him the Great American Designer; and, in 2005, *Life & Style* magazine named him Stylemaker of the Year.

Hall and his wife, Deborah Lee, have two adult children, Asia and Evan, and reside in California.

Kevan Hall was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on December 14, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Kevan Hall was conducted by Harriette Cole on December 14, 2018, in Los Angeles, California, and was recorded on 6 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Fashion designer Kevan Hall (1957-) founded the Kevan Hall Company and was best known for his couture red carpet designs and his role as the design and creative director of Halston.

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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:

Hall, Kevan, 1957-

Cole, Harriette (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Hall, Kevan, 1957- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Fashion Designer

HistoryMakers® Category:

StyleMakers

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 Kevan Hall, Section A2018_230_001_001, TRT: 1:29:01 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Kevan Hall, Section A2018_230_001_002, TRT: 2:28:23 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Kevan Hall, Section A2018_230_001_003, TRT: 3:29:02 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Kevan Hall, Section A2018_230_001_004, TRT: 4:29:46 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Kevan Hall, Section A2018_230_001_005, TRT: 5:29:20 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Kevan Hall, Section A2018_230_001_006, TRT: 6:27:35 ?