

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Jedda Jones

PERSON

Dupree, Miss, 1952-

Alternative Names: Jedda Jones;

Life Dates: August 8, 1952-

Place of Birth: New Orleans , Louisiana, USA

Residence: New Orleans, LA

Work: New York, LA

Occupations: Comedian; Actress

Biographical Note

Comedian and actress Jedda Jones was born on August 8, 1952 in New Orleans, Louisiana to Audrey Lieteau and Louis J. White. She graduated from Xavier University Preparatory School in New Orleans, Louisiana in 1970 and received her B.A. degree from Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana in 1974.

After graduation, Jones was recruited to work at Bell South in New Orleans. She was later promoted to manager and remained in that position for ten years. She left Bell South in 1985, and moved to New York to pursue a career in standup comedy. During this period, Jones also worked as a writer and wrote monologues and speeches for actress and comedian Marsha Warfield. She served as the head writer for two seasons of The Martha Warfield Show. Jones later appeared on The Sunday Comics television program on Fox and was a featured performer at Montreal's Just For Laughs Comedy Festival. Jones made her television acting debut on the series New Attitude, in the role of Celina. In 1991, Jones was featured in Whoopi Goldberg's HBO show Chez Whoopi. That same year, she portrayed Rubie Lin in the film Talkin' Dirty After Dark and appeared as Sadie in the film Shattered, starring Tom Berenger and Bob Hoskins. In 1993, Jones was cast in Indecent Proposal, starring Woody Harrelson and Demi Moore. She also appeared in the film CB4 with Chris Rock and had a recurring role as Mrs. Lawrence in the series Tall Hopes. The following year, Jones had appearances on the television series Murphy Brown and Coach. From 1994 to 1998, Jones had two recurring roles in the television series Sister, Sister as Charlotte and Marjorie. In 1998, Jones appeared in Warren Beatty's Bulworth starring Halle Berry. She was later cast in the role of Agnes in the film Catfish in Black Bean Sauce in 2000. In 2004, Jones portrayed Mercedes in Ray, starring Jamie Foxx as Ray Charles. The next year, she was

cast in the film *Treasure n tha Hood* as Ms. Minne and made several recurring appearances as Miss Dupree on *The Tom Joyner Show*. In 2009, Jones was featured in the films *The Final Destination* and *Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call New Orleans*. Two years later, she was cast in the film *Snatched*.

Comedian and actress Jemma Jones was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on April 28, 2019.

Related Entries

Tulane University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Xavier University Preparatory School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Sister, Sister [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1994 to 1998]

Actress

Bell South [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1974 to 1985]

Manager

Marsha Warfield [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1985 to ?]

Writer

The Marsha Warfield Show [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1985 to ?]

Head Writer

The Sunday Comics [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Just for Laughs Comedy Festival [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Featured Performer

New Attitude [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from ? to ?]

Actress

Chez Whoopi [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1991 to ?]

Talkin' Dirty After Dark [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1991 to 1991]

Actress

Catfish in Blackbean Sauce [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 2000 to 2000]

Actress

Ray [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 2004 to 2004]

Actress

The Tom Joyner Show [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 2005 to ?]

Featured Performer

Treasure n tha Hood [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 2005 to 2005]

Actress

The Final Destination [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 2009 to 2009]

Actress

Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call New Orleans [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 2009 to 2009]

Actress

Snatched [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 2011 to 2011]

Actress

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. [MEMBEROF]

[from ? to ?]

Member