

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Jedda Jones

Overview of the Collection

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| Repository: | The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com |
| Creator: | Dupree, Miss, 1952- |
| Title: | The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Jedda Jones, |
| Dates: | April 28, 2019 |
| Bulk Dates: | 2019 |
| Physical Description: | 8 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:28:32). |
| Abstract: | Comedian and actress Jedda Jones (1952 -) portrayed Miss Dupree on The Tom Joyner Morning Show and appeared in the films Talkin' Dirty After Dark, Shattered, Indecent Proposal, Bulworth, and Ray. Jones was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on April 28, 2019, in New Orleans, Louisiana. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview. |
| Identification: | A2019_032 |
| Language: | The interview and records are in English. |

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

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 Jedda Jones was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on April 28, 2019.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Jemma Jones was conducted by Larry Crowe on April 28, 2019, in New Orleans, Louisiana, and was recorded on 8 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Comedian and actress Jemma Jones (1952 -) portrayed Miss Dupree on The Tom Joyner Morning Show and appeared in the films Talkin' Dirty After Dark, Shattered, Indecent Proposal, Bulworth, and Ray.

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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:

Dupree, Miss, 1952-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Dupree, Miss, 1952- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Comedian

Actress

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

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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 Jemma Jones, Section A2019_032_001_001, TRT: 1:30:25 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Jemma Jones, Section A2019_032_001_002, TRT: 2:30:22 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Jemma Jones, Section A2019_032_001_003, TRT: 3:28:47 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Jemma Jones, Section A2019_032_001_004, TRT: 4:28:54 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Jemma Jones, Section A2019_032_001_005, TRT: 5:28:38 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Jemma Jones, Section A2019_032_001_006, TRT: 6:28:19 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Jemma Jones, Section A2019_032_001_007, TRT: 7:31:26 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Jemma Jones, Section A2019_032_001_008, TRT: 8:01:41 ?