

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Carol Maillard

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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>	Maillard, Carol
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Carol Maillard,
<b>Dates:</b>	June 21, 2019
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2019
<b>Physical Description:</b>	7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:23:42).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Musician Carol Maillard (1951- ) is a co-founding member of the singing group, Sweet Honey in the Rock, and has performed in numerous plays and several television shows. Maillard was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on June 21, 2019, in New York, New York. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2019_044
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Musician Carol Maillard was born on March 4, 1951 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Elizabeth and Thomas Maillard. After graduating from John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls' High School in 1969, she received her B.A. degree in theatre from Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. in 1973.

In 1973, Maillard was hired at the newly formed D.C. Black Repertory Theatre Company as an assistant to vocal director Bernice Johnson Reagon. During a singing ensemble rehearsal featuring Reagon, Maillard, Louise Robinson, and Mie Fredericks, the group Sweet Honey in the Rock was created. On November 17, 1973, Sweet Honey in the Rock performed for the first time at Howard University's W.C. Handy Blues Festival. In 1982, Maillard starred in her first television appearance in *For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/When the Rainbow Is Enuf*. In 1988, Sweet Honey in the Rock received their first of three Grammy nominations, and the following year, they won their first for their contribution to *A Vision Shared: A Tribute to Woody Guthrie and Leadbelly*. Maillard was featured in the television show *Hallelujah* in 1993. In 2000, she worked with James Horner to produce the soundtrack for TNT's film, *Freedom Song*. Maillard also served as creative director for the documentary *Sweet Honey in the Rock: Raise Your Voice* in 2005. The Alvin Ailey American Dance Company commissioned Sweet Honey in the Rock to compose a score for its 50th anniversary celebrations in 2008. The group performed at the White House in 2009 for First Lady Michelle and President Barack Obama. In 2013, Sweet Honey in the Rock performed at the National Memorial Service for Nelson Mandela at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC. In 2015, they toured and performed at four U.S. Embassy's located in Ethiopia, Peru, Jamaica and Swaziland. The group has produced over fifteen albums.

Maillard has also performed in numerous plays, including productions of *The Great MacDaddy*, *A Photograph: Lovers in Motion*, *Home*, *Zooman and the Sign*, *Under Fire*, *Colored People's Time*, *The Caucasian Chalk Circle*, and *Spunk*.

Maillard resides in New York City and has one adult child, Jordan Maillard Ware, who is also a musician.

Carol Maillard was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on June 21, 2019.

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## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Carol Maillard was conducted by Harriette Cole on June 21, 2019, in New York, New York, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Musician Carol Maillard (1951- ) is a co-founding member of the singing group, Sweet Honey in the Rock, and has performed in numerous plays and several television shows.

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### Restrictions on Access

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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:

Maillard, Carol

Cole, Harriette (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

### Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Maillard, Carol--Interviews

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## Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

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## Occupations:

Musician

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## HistoryMakers® Category:

MusicMakers

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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 Carol Maillard, Section A2019\_044\_001\_001, TRT: 1:29:18 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Carol Maillard, Section A2019\_044\_001\_002, TRT: 2:28:58 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Carol Maillard, Section A2019\_044\_001\_003, TRT: 3:29:21 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Carol Maillard, Section A2019\_044\_001\_004, TRT: 4:30:04 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Carol Maillard, Section A2019\_044\_001\_005, TRT: 5:30:08 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Carol Maillard, Section A2019\_044\_001\_006, TRT: 6:30:17 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Carol Maillard, Section A2019\_044\_001\_007, TRT: 7:25:36 ?