

# Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Mimi Plange

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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>	Bart-Plange, Selina Mimi Esther Afrakuma Efua, 1978-
<b>Title:</b>	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Mimi Plange,
<b>Dates:</b>	December 11, 2021
<b>Bulk Dates:</b>	2021
<b>Physical Description:</b>	8 uncompressed MOV digital video files (4:05:06).
<b>Abstract:</b>	Fashion designer Mimi Plange (1978 - ) launched her own fashion line, Mimi Plange (formerly Boudoir D’huîtres), with her husband, Ibrahim Ndoye, in 2010. She previously served as vice president of design at Deréon and a creative director at Rocawear. Bart-Plange was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on December 11, 2021, in New York, New York. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
<b>Identification:</b>	A2021_028
<b>Language:</b>	The interview and records are in English.

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## Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Fashion designer Mimi Plange was born in 1978 in Accra, Ghana. She received her B.A. degree in architecture in 1999 from the College of Environmental Design at the University of California, Berkeley, and her A.A. degree in fashion design in 2001 from the Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising in San Francisco, California.

In 2001, Plange moved to New York City and became a merchandiser at a jewelry company and an assistant designer in the menswear division at Rocawear, where she also served as head designer for State Property and creative director for the women’s division. In 2006, Plange helped launch Deréon, where she served as vice president of design. Plange and her husband, Ibrahim Ndoye, launched their own fashion line, Mimi Plange (formerly Boudoir D’huîtres), where she serves as creative director, in New York City in 2010. She collaborated with shoe designer Manolo Blahnik in 2012, furniture designer Roche Bobois in 2016, LeBron James and artist and accessories designer Carol Muthiga-Oyekunle in 2021, and has collaborated with Instagram. Plange also has served as a style lab mentor at the Savannah College of Art and Design, in Savannah and Atlanta, Georgia.

Plange was named International Emerging Designer of the Year at Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week South Africa in 2011 and Designer of the Year by Mercedes-Benz Fashion in 2012, when she also received New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg’s Design Entrepreneurs Award. She participated in the Celebration of Design event hosted by First Lady Michelle Obama at the White House in 2016.

Plange’s designs have been sold in boutiques in the United States, Kuwait, and Qatar, and she has shown her collections in New York, Sweden, South Africa, Côte d’Ivoire, Paris, and Nigeria. Plange’s garments have been displayed at the Museum at the Fashion Institute of Technology, in New York City; Moot Gallery, in Hong Kong; The Spelman College Museum of Fine Art, in Atlanta, Georgia; and The Minneapolis Institute of Art, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Mimi Plange’s designs have been worn by Rihanna, Vanessa Hudgens, Serena Williams, Janelle Monae, Kat

Graham, Teri Hatcher, Gabrielle Union-Wade, Paris Hilton, Viola Davis, Regina King, Michelle Trachtenberg, Awkwafina, and former First Lady of the United States Michelle Obama. Her work has been featured in *The New York Times*, *T Magazine*, *Vogue UK*, *Vogue India*, *Vogue.com*, *Ebony*, *Essence*, *Cosmopolitan*, *WWD*, *Harpers Bazar*, *Marie Claire*, *Glamour*, *Time Out Dubai*, *Genlux*, *Nylon*, and *Zink*.

Plange and her husband, Ibrahim Ndoye, live in New York, New York.

Mimi Plange was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on December 11, 2021.

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## Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Mimi Plange was conducted by Harriette Cole on December 11, 2021, in New York, New York, and was recorded on 8 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Fashion designer Mimi Plange (1978 - ) launched her own fashion line, Mimi Plange (formerly Boudoir D’huîtres), with her husband, Ibrahim Ndoye, in 2010. She previously served as vice president of design at Deréon and a creative director at Rocawear.

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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:

Bart-Plange, Selina Mimi Esther Afrakuma Efua, 1978-

Cole, Harriette (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

### Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Bart-Plange, Selina Mimi Esther Afrakuma Efuwa, 1978---Interviews

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## Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

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The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

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Mimi Plange

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## Occupations:

Fashion Designer

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## HistoryMakers® Category:

StyleMakers

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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 Mimi Plange, Section A2021\_028\_001\_001, TRT: 1:32:00 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Mimi Plange, Section A2021\_028\_001\_002, TRT: 2:33:25 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Mimi Plange, Section A2021\_028\_001\_003, TRT: 3:29:24 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Mimi Plange, Section A2021\_028\_001\_004, TRT: 4:31:45 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Mimi Plange, Section A2021\_028\_001\_005, TRT: 5:30:01 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Mimi Plange, Section A2021\_028\_001\_006, TRT: 6:31:27 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Mimi Plange, Section A2021\_028\_001\_007, TRT: 7:27:03 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Mimi Plange, Section A2021\_028\_001\_008, TRT: 8:30:01 ?