

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Kenrick Ice McDonald

Overview of the Collection

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Creator:	McDonald, Kenrick, 1960-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Kenrick Ice McDonald,
Dates:	May 14, 2022
Bulk Dates:	2022
Physical Description:	10 uncompressed MOV digital video files (4:55:27).
Abstract:	Magician Kenrick Ice McDonald (1960 -) was the first African American president of the Society of American Magicians. He also is the founder of Ice Storm Entertainment Group and the International Association of Black Magical Artists and has performed in magic shows around the world. McDonald was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on May 14, 2022, in Chicago, Illinois. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2022_053
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Magician Kenrick Ice McDonald was born on July 6, 1960 in Albuquerque, New Mexico to Bernice McDonald and Nixon McDonald, Jr. He graduated from San Diego High School in 1978 and attended San Diego City College. In 1984, McDonald moved to Los Angeles, California to pursue a career in magic, where he founded the entertainment company Ice Storm Entertainment Group in 1993. He has performed in magic shows around the world. McDonald published a memoir about his journey to become a magician, *Born for This – Destiny Authenticated*, in 2015. McDonald released his first film, *Death of an Innocent Swan*, in 2014. His second film, a documentary about the history of African American magicians, *Quiet Masters – The History and Relevance of the Black Magical Artist*, premiered in 2018. McDonald was featured in the documentaries *GOD and the Master Magician – The Unsynonymous Connection* and *The Art and Soul of Magic – The Story of America’s Black Magician*. McDonald has been involved in numerous magic organizations throughout his career. He joined the Academy of Magical Arts in 1983, the International Brotherhood of Magicians in 1990, and the Society of American Magicians in 1991. From 2009 to 2010, he served as regional vice president of the Society of American Magicians. From 2010 to 2013, he served as national vice president of the executive board of the Society of American Magicians. McDonald was elected national president of the Society of American Magicians in 2014, the first African American to hold the position in the organization’s history (founded 1902). In 2016, he co-founded the International Association of Black Magical Artists. McDonald also has served as vice president of the board of trustees of the Magic Hall of Fame and Museum, Inc., and as chairman of the diversity and inclusion committee of the Academy of Magical Arts since 2020. In 2022, McDonald was elected to the Board of Directors of the world-famous Magic Castle/Academy of Magical Arts. For his performances, McDonald has been the recipient of numerous awards including two Entertainer of the Year awards, the Commander’s Medal for Excellence from Air Force Commander Lt. Colonel Trent R. Pickering, and India’s Trophy of Honor in 2008 presented by then-Prime Minister, Manmohan Singh, for a performance he gave in Trivandrum, India. Between 1995 and 1998, McDonald received three International Performance Awards from the Pacific Coast Association of Magicians. In 2015, he

received the Society of American Magicians' Presidential Citation for his achievements and a Presidential Citation from Shawn Farquhar, president of the International Brotherhood of Magicians. He also received the Impact Docs Documentary Award for his documentary *Quiet Masters*. McDonald was inducted into the Society of American Magicians' National Magic Hall of Fame in 2018. In 2019, McDonald was listed as one of the 21st Century Christian Magicians, and, in 2020, he was named one of the Most Influential Magicians of the Decade.

McDonald resides in Los Angeles, California with his wife, Paris McDonald. They have three children. Kenrick Ice McDonald was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on May 14, 2022.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Kenrick Ice McDonald was conducted by Larry Crowe on May 14, 2022, in Chicago, Illinois, and was recorded on 10 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Magician Kenrick Ice McDonald (1960 -) was the first African American president of the Society of American Magicians. He also is the founder of Ice Storm Entertainment Group and the International Association of Black Magical Artists and has performed in magic shows around the world.

Restrictions

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.

Controlled Access Terms

This interview collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

Persons:

McDonald, Kenrick, 1960-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
McDonald, Kenrick, 1960---Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

International Brotherhood of Magicians

Occupations:

Entertainer

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

The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Kenrick Ice McDonald, May 14, 2022. The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection, 1900 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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 Kenrick Ice McDonald, Section A2022_053_001_001, TRT: 1:31:59 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Kenrick Ice McDonald, Section A2022_053_001_002, TRT: 2:34:33 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Kenrick Ice McDonald, Section A2022_053_001_003, TRT: 3:28:48 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Kenrick Ice McDonald, Section A2022_053_001_004, TRT: 4:29:03 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Kenrick Ice McDonald, Section A2022_053_001_005, TRT: 5:29:30 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Kenrick Ice McDonald, Section A2022_053_001_006, TRT: 6:29:36 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Kenrick Ice McDonald, Section A2022_053_001_007, TRT: 7:30:10 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Kenrick Ice McDonald, Section A2022_053_001_008, TRT: 8:30:15 ?

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Video Oral History Interview with Kenrick Ice McDonald, Section A2022_053_001_010, TRT: 10:22:04 ?