

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Dolores Robinson

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Robinson, Dolores
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Dolores Robinson,
Dates:	December 11, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	11 uncompressed MOV digital video files (5:15:06).
Abstract:	Talent manager Dolores Robinson (1936-) founded Dolores Robinson Entertainment, representing LeVar Burton, Martin Sheen, Jada Pinkett Smith and Wesley Snipes. Robinson was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on December 11, 2018, in Los Angeles, California. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_224
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Talent manager Dolores Robinson was born on April 13, 1936 in Penllyn, Pennsylvania. After graduating from Ambler High School in 1954, she earned her B.A. degree from West Chester Teachers' College in Chester County, Pennsylvania in 1958.

Robinson worked as a public school teacher in Philadelphia before she became a public relations director and on-air personality for *WCAU-TV* and later served as a publicity director for *KYW-TV* in Philadelphia. In 1974, Robinson relocated with her family to Los Angeles where she was hired as a receptionist at a talent agency, and was then promoted to agent. In 1976, she founded her own management company, Dolores Robinson Entertainment and her first client was LeVar Burton. She also helped launch the careers of Martin Sheen, Mark Wahlberg, Jada Pinkett Smith, Emilio Estevez, and, her daughter, Holly Robinson Peete. Her other clients included, Wesley Snipes, Linda Fiorentino, Kadeem Hardison, Jason Patric, Randy Quaid, Elisabeth Shue, Powers Booth, John Henton, Rosie Perez and Pierce Brosnan.

In 1996, Robinson served as an executive producer of the television series *Matt Waters* starring Montel Williams, and a pilot for ABC starring NBA Hall of Famer George Gervin. She also executive produced the *Fox/UPN* show *Between Brothers* starring Kadeem Hardison. In 2014, Robinson was hired to represent Little League World Series star Mo'ne Davis. She also managed the music career of her granddaughter, Ryan Peete. In 2016, Robinson appeared in *For Peete's Sake*, an American reality television series starring her daughter, Holly Robinson Peete, Rodney Peete, and their four children, which ran for two seasons, from 2016 to 2017. In 2018, she served as consulting producer on the Hallmark Channel series *Meet The Peetes*, also starring her daughter's family.

Robinson served on the board of directors for the American Civil Liberties Union, and was an original advisory board member for the Hollywood Women's Political Committee. Robinson also served on the board of directors for the Motion Picture & Television Fund and also as a supporter of A Place Call Home and Girls, Inc.

Robinson was the recipient of the Judy & Hilary Swank Award for Parenting presented at the Actors Fund 2017 Looking Ahead Awards.

Dolores Robinson was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on December 11, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Dolores Robinson was conducted by Harriette Cole on December 11, 2018, in Los Angeles, California, and was recorded on 11 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Talent manager Dolores Robinson (1936-) founded Dolores Robinson Entertainment, representing LeVar Burton, Martin Sheen, Jada Pinkett Smith and Wesley Snipes.

Restrictions

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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:

Robinson, Dolores

Cole, Harriette (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Robinson, Dolores--Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Talent Manager

HistoryMakers® Category:

EntertainmentMakers

Administrative Information

Custodial History

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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

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Video Oral History Interview with Dolores Robinson, Section A2018_224_001_002, TRT: 2:30:14
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Video Oral History Interview with Dolores Robinson, Section A2018_224_001_003, TRT: 3:30:25
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Video Oral History Interview with Dolores Robinson, Section A2018_224_001_006, TRT: 6:29:55
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10:29:10 ?

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11:16:41 ?