

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Veronica Webb

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Webb, Veronica
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Veronica Webb,
Dates:	February 9, 2022
Bulk Dates:	2022
Physical Description:	7 uncompressed MOV digital video files (3:52:07).
Abstract:	Fashion model, writer, and actor Veronica Webb (1965 -) founded her fashion line Royalton in 2013 and her blog Webb on The Fly in 2016. She has written for various publications, including Spin and Interview Magazine, and starred in several films and TV shows, including Jungle Fever and Tim Gunn's Guide to Style. Webb was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on February 9, 2022, in New York, New York. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2022_014
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Fashion model, writer, and actor Veronica Webb was born on February 25, 1965, in Detroit, Michigan, to Marian and Leonard Douglas Webb. She studied animation at Parsons School of Design at The New School in New York City.

Webb worked at D.F. Sanders & Company in New York City in 1983 and signed to the modeling agency Click in 1984, where she was featured in shoots for magazines including *Seventeen* and *Mademoiselle* and brands including Calvin Klein and French Connection. Later that year, she moved to Paris, where she worked with Azzedine Alaïa. In 1985, Webb was featured in her first runway show, in Milan, Italy, where she worked with Commes de Garçons. In the late 1980s, she worked at the 135th Street YMCA in New York City doing youth-oriented theater and took acting classes for two years at William Esper Studios. In 1991 she became the “face” of Isaac Mizrahi and signed to N.S. Bienstock. Throughout the 1990s, Webb wrote for publications including *Paper*, *The Source*, *Spin*, *Details*, and *Interview Magazine*.

In 1991, Webb made her film debut in Spike Lee's *Jungle Fever*. The following year, she starred in Lee's *Malcom X*. In 1992, Webb became the ColorStyle spokesmodel for *Revlon*. In 1995, she walked in Victoria's Secret's first annual runway show. In the late 1990s, Webb starred in the TV show *Damon*. In 2007, she co-hosted the first season of *Tim Gunn's Guide to Style* on Bravo. In 2013, Webb began her fashion line Royalton. In 2016, she began her blog *Webb on The Fly*. She also has walked the runway for Chanel and Karl Lagerfeld, been photographed by Andry Warhol, Bruce Weber, Peter Lindbergh, and Herb Ritts, and performed in the films *In Too Deep* (1999), *Someone Like You* (2001), and *Dirty Laundry* (2007), the TV shows *Oh La La*, *Front Page*, *Last Call*, *Sunday*, *Good Morning America*, and *Just Shoot Me!*, and music videos for Scritti Politti and New Order, and been on the podcast *The Megyn Kelly Show*. Webb's essay collection *Veronica Webb Sight: Adventures In The Big City* was published in 1998 by Miramax Books. In 2010, she was named a member of the Eucerin Skin First Council.

Webb has served as a member of the Fashion Institute of Technology's Couture Council and was a founding member of 25 Black Women in Beauty. She also has been a Google Digital Entrepreneur Ambassador, editor-at-large for Google Accelerate, and editor-in-chief for *New* magazine's Brain Trusts.

Webb and her husband, Chris Del Gatto, live in New York City. She has two children, Rose and Orpheus.

Veronica Webb was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on February 9, 2022.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Veronica Webb was conducted by Julieanna L. Richardson on February 9, 2022, in New York, New York, and was recorded on 7 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Fashion model, writer, and actor Veronica Webb (1965 -) founded her fashion line Royalton in 2013 and her blog Webb on The Fly in 2016. She has written for various publications, including Spin and Interview Magazine, and starred in several films and TV shows, including Jungle Fever and Tim Gunn's Guide to Style.

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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:

Webb, Veronica

Richardson, Julieanna L. (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Webb, Veronica--Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Fashion Model

HistoryMakers® Category:

StyleMakers

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

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- Video Oral History Interview with Veronica Webb, Section A2022_014_001_003, TRT: 3:33:24 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Veronica Webb, Section A2022_014_001_004, TRT: 4:30:37 ?
- Video Oral History Interview with Veronica Webb, Section A2022_014_001_005, TRT: 5:31:31 ?
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