

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Andrea Meigs

PERSON

Meigs, Andrea Nelson, 1968-

Alternative Names: Andrea Meigs;

Life Dates: October 30, 1968-

Place of Birth: Bellflower, California, USA

Residence: Los Angeles, California

Work: Los Angeles, California

Occupations: Media Executive

Biographical Note

Talent agent Andrea Nelson Meigs was born on October 30, 1968 in Bellflower, California. Her father, David Nelson Jr., was a principal in the Los Angeles Unified School District; her mother, Dorothy Nelson, a college professor. Meigs spent her early childhood in the Compton area of Los Angeles and attended a private Christian school before entering the public school system in the fifth grade. After graduating from high school in Palos Verdes, Meigs enrolled in Tufts University and graduated with her B.A. degree in English and Spanish in 1990. While there, she studied at Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia as well as the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid in Madrid, Spain. Meigs went on to earn her J.D. degree in entertainment law from the Duke University School of Law in Durham, North Carolina in 1994.

In 1994, Meigs was hired to work with Congresswoman Maxine Waters in the Los Angeles District Attorney's office. Meigs joined Creative Artists Agency (CAA) in 1996 as a mailroom clerk where she was promoted to motion picture talent agent. She was then hired as a talent agent at International Creative Management (ICM). Throughout her career, Meigs has worked with major talent in the music, television and film industries including Christina Applegate, Halle Berry, Ellen Burstyn, Beyoncé Knowles, and John Voight, Mark Salling, Cristina Saralegui, and the multi-talented power couple Mara Brock Akil and Salim Akil.

Meigs is a member of the State of California Bar Association, the Los Angeles County Bar Association, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. In 2003, she served on the steering committee for the American Black Film Festival. In addition, Black Enterprise magazine recognized Meigs by including her in the 2003 "Hot List" and the 2004

“Brightest under 40” list. She also appeared in Honey magazine as one of the “25 Hottest Women in Entertainment.”

Meigs is married to John V. Meigs, Jr., a partner at the entertainment law firm Home Page for the law firm of Hansen, Jacobson, Teller, Hoberman, Newman, Warren & Richman, LLP. They have four daughters: Avery N. Meigs; the late Alexandra N. Meigs; and twins, Isabella Alexa and Calla Alexis Meigs.

Andrea Nelson Meigs was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on November 18, 2013.

Related Entries

Brethren Christian School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Naples Elementary School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Malaga Cove Intermediate School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Palos Verdes High School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Tufts University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Duke University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

KEET [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1990 to 1990]

Production Associate

Office of Congresswoman Maxine Waters [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1969 to ?]

Intern

Los Angeles District Attorney [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1993 to 1994]

Assistant District Attorney

Creative Artists Agency [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1995 to 2006]

Agent

Los Angeles Unified School District [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1977 to ?]

Teacher's Assistant

ICM Partners [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1991 to ?]

Agent

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated [MEMBEROF]
[from 1998 to ?]

Member

American Black Film Festival (ABFF) [MEMBEROF]
[from 2003 to ?]

Advisory Board

Black Film Festival (BFF) [MEMBEROF]
[from 2007 to ?]

Steering Committee