

Guide to the

# **New York Women in Film & Television interviews**

2002-2018 \*T-DF 2018-001

Processed by Christopher Arena in 2021.

# **Summary**

Creator: New York Women in Film & Television

Title: New York Women in Film & Television interviews

**Date:** 2002-2018

Size: 1.086 terabytes (173 computer files)

**Source:** The collection was donated by Norma Davidoff, on behalf of New York Women in Film &

Television, in 2018.

**Abstract:** New York Women in Film & Television (NYWIFT) is a non-profit professional organization for women involved in the New York entertainment industry. The New York Women in Film interviews are comprised of 141 interviews with members of NYWIFT and other New York women who have made important contributions to the film, television, and theater industries in New York.

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Language of the Material: English

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### **Creator History**

New York Women in Film & Television (NYWIFT) is a non-profit professional organization for women involved in the New York entertainment industry. Representing over 2,500 individuals in the New York area, NYWIFT provides professional support and training, grants and scholarships, and honors the involvement of women in the film industry.

Founded in 1977, NYWIFT has elevated the work and achievements of women in the entertainment industry through educational programs and award ceremonies each year. These include the Muse Awards for Vision and Achievement, honoring women in front of and behind the camera; and Designing Women, an annual gala honoring costume designers, make-up artists, and hair stylists in film and television.

# **Scope and Content Note**

The New York Women in Film & Television interviews contain video interviews with 141 women involved in the New York entertainment industry. In addition to the video files, 30 interviews have full transcripts with timestamps.

Also included are supplementary material such as biographical information about the participating interviewees, and a spreadsheet which contains technical information about the filming of each interview, along with who conducted the interview.

All interviews follow a similar question format: subjects are asked about basic background information, education and professional training, experience working in the industry, memorable career moments, impressions of working in New York, how the industry has changed, and advice for aspring women filmmakers, while leaving room for interview subjects to expand where necessary. Additionally, subjects are asked when and how they joined NYWIFT and what has been their experience with the organization.

Interviewees include actresses, directors, producters, writers, editors, executives, camera operators, set and costume designers, make-up artists, choreographers, educators, curators, critics, and more. Many interviewees hold multiple awards including Academy Awards, Emmys, Peabodys, Obies, Tonys, Kennedy Center Honors, National Medals of Arts, and other lifetime honors.

Some interviewees include Patricia Birch, Kitty Carlisle, Ruby Dee, Lee Grant, Chris Hegedus, Celeste Holm, Barbara Kopple, Sonia Manzano, Muffie Meyer, Pat Mitchell, Thelma Schoonmaker, and Leslie Uggams. Also interviewed are former Presidents, board members, and founders of NYWIFT.

**Arrangement:** Interviews are arranged in alphabetical order, by subject's last name. All interviews include video files, with 30 interviews also including full transcripts.

# **Key Terms**

#### **Subjects**

Children's television programs
Costume designers
Motion pictures -- Production and direction
Motion pictures -- United States
Oral history -- United States
Set designers -- United States
Television -- United States
Women Film Critics
Women in television broadcasting
Women in the motion picture industry
Women motion picture producers and directors
Women television producers and directors
Women television producers and directors
Women television writers

#### **Genre/Physical Characteristic**

Oral histories

# Names

New York Women in Film & Television

#### **Container List**

#### Interviews

#### er. 1 Adato, Perry Miller 2011

(1 computer file 8.50 gigabytes)

Documentary director, producer and writer.

#### er. 2 Addison, Anne 2010

(1 computer file 5.64 gigabytes)

Past director of international television acquisitions, WNET and PBS.

#### er. 3 Altschuler, Jane 2012

(1 computer file 10.8 gigabytes)

Documentary director, producer, writer and editor.

#### er. 4 Anderson, Madeline 2015

(1 computer file 10.9 gigabytes)

Documentary film director.

Archer, Ina 2012

Documentary producer, director, and film preservationist.

### er. 5 Archer Video

(1 computer file 6.32 gigabytes)

#### er. 141 Archer Transcript

(1 computer file 88.5 kilobytes)

### er. 6 Arnold, Kay 2013

(1 computer file 5.37 gigabytes)

Actress and film distributor.

#### er. 7 Arnold, Pamela Scott 2013

(1 computer file 9.56 gigabytes)

Documentary film editor.

### er. 8 Baker, Joan 2011

(1 computer file 3.31 gigabytes)

Voiceover coach and spokesperson.

### er. 9 Barry, Miranda 2014

(1 computer file 10.3 gigabytes)

Television producer.

#### er. 10 Berry, Laverne 2013

(1 computer file 5.90 gigabytes)

Attorney.

## er. 11 Bershen, Wanda 2013

(1 computer file 6.95 gigabytes)

Film arts curator and writer.

#### er. 12 Betancourt, Nicole 2012

(1 computer file 7.06 gigabytes)

Documentary film and short video producer and director.

Birch, Patricia 2015

Choreographer.

#### er. 13 Birch Video

(1 computer file 7.17 gigabytes)

### er. 142 Birch Transcript

(1 computer file 137 kilobytes)

#### er. 14 Blackstone, Wendy 2012

(1 computer file 7.53 gigabytes)

Film composer.

### er. 15 Blake, Grace 2002-2011

(1 computer file 9.04 gigabytes)

Motion picture executive producer.

Video contains two different interviews.

# er. 16 Brandt, Yanna 2007

(1 computer file 10.7 gigabytes)

Television writer, producer, director; received Emmy Award.

# er. 17 Brooks, Virginia 2007

(1 computer file 6.95 gigabytes)

Documentary producer and director, professor of Film at Brooklyn College, CUNY.

### er. 18 Brown, Ginger 2011

(1 computer file 8.81 gigabytes)

Children's Television executive producer.

### er. 19 Bunin, Elinor 2008

(1 computer file 16.5 gigabytes)

Animator, producer, received Emmy Award.

### er. 20 Burns, Red 2006

(1 computer file 6.21 gigabytes)

Founder and chair of the Interactive Telecommunications Program (ITP) at New York University.

#### er. 21 Butler, Rene M 2012

(1 computer file 4.22 gigabytes)

Television technical director.

### er. 22 Casaletta, Terry 2010s

(1 computer file 5.33 gigabytes)

Motion picture union rep, Teamsters Local 817.

#### Chapin, Kay 2012

Motion picture script supervisor.

# er. 23 Chapin Video

(1 computer file 5.26 gigabytes)

### er. 143 Chapin Transcript

(1 computer file 85 kilobytes)

### Choy, Christine 2013

Documentary film producer and director.

# er. 24 Choy Video

(2 computer files 26.9 gigabytes)

Contains two video files: one is uncensored and contains language that may be offensive to some, the second has the potentially offensive language removed.

#### er. 144 Choy Transcript

(2 computer files 359 kilobytes)

# er. 25 Cohen, Maxi 2013

(1 computer file 4.86 gigabytes)

Documentary producer and director.

#### er. 26 Cooper, Karen 2013

(1 computer file 4.96 gigabytes)

Director of Film Forum.

### er. 27 Covert, Nadine 2009

(1 computer file 3.00 gigabytes)

Executive director of the Educational Film Library Association (EFLA).

### er. 28 Cox, Nell 2012

(1 computer file 6.95 gigabytes)

Motion picture writer, director, and editor.

# er. 29 Culliton, Carolyn 2010

(1 computer file 3.27 gigabytes)

Television head writer and editor of As the World Turns.

# er. 30 Daniel, Peggy 2012

(1 computer file 3.93 gigabytes)

Documentary film producer.

# er. 31 Davidoff, Norma 2011

(1 computer file 6.54 gigabytes)

Documentary producer, writer, director, development executive, received Emmy Award.

#### Dee, Ruby 2009

Television and motion picture actress, recipient of many awards.

### er. 32 Dee Video

(1 computer file 10.4 gigabytes)

### er. 145 Dee Transcript

(1 computer file 159 kilobytes)

#### De Fina, Barbara 2012

Motion picture producer.

### er. 33 De Fina Video

(1 computer file 3.98 gigabytes)

### er. 146 De Fina Transcript

(1 computer file 181 kilobytes)

## er. 34 DeKoven, Lenore 2007

(1 computer file 5.24 gigabytes)

Founder of New York Women in Film and Television, producer, director and educator.

#### er. 35 Donovan, Arlene 2011

(1 computer file 6.75 gigabytes)

Literary agent, motion picture producer.

## er. 36 Dore, Mary 2016

(1 computer file 7.55 gigabytes)

Documentary producer.

#### er. 37 Flood, Mary 2010

(1 computer file 4.13 gigabytes)

Pioneer television camerawoman at ABC-TV.

# er. 38 Frank, Sarah 2013

(1 computer file 10 gigabytes)

Television executive.

#### er. 39 Friedman, Sonya 2012

(1 computer file 7.75 gigabytes)

Documentary director, writer, producer, writer of sub-titles.

# er. 40 Friedrich, Su 2013

(1 computer file 8.92 gigabytes)

Documentary producer and director.

#### er. 41 Gardner, Janet 2015

(1 computer file 7.10 gigabytes)

Documentary producer and director.

### er. 42 Geiger, Ellen 2012

(1 computer file 11.1 gigabytes)

Television producer, past executive of PBS.

# er. 43 Geller, Phyllis 2010

(1 computer file 11.3 gigabytes)

Executive producer at PBS.

### er. 44 Gelman, Joan 2010

(1 computer file 3.40 gigabytes)

Television writer and producer.

# er. 45 Gidney, Nelsa 2012

(1 computer file 4.13 gigabytes)

Motion picture film distributor.

### Goldemberg, Rose Leiman 2011

Television writer.

# er. 46 Goldemberg Video

(1 computer file 5.68 gigabytes)

## er. 147 Goldemberg Transcript

(1 computer file 86.5 kilobytes)

#### Gottlieb, Linda 2011

Television and motion picture film producer.

### er. 47 Gottlieb Video

(1 computer file 7.32 gigabytes)

#### er. 156 Gottlieb Transcript

(1 computer file 108 kilobytes)

## er. 48 Grady, Tamara 2010

(1 computer file 2.52 gigabytes)

Television stage manager, production secretary.

#### er. 49 Graeber, Carey 2010

(1 computer file 4.60 gigabytes)

Documentary producer.

#### Grant, Lee 2008

Actor, producer, director, writer.

### er. 50 Grant Video

(1 computer file 10.9 gigabytes)

### er. 148 Grant Transcript

(1 computer file 113 kilobytes)

#### er. 51 Grillo, Janet 2014

(1 computer file 6.48 gigabytes)

Motion picture producer, director, writer.

### er. 52 Hacker, Melissa 2009

(1 computer file 5.61 gigabytes)

Documentary film editor, daughter of costume designer Ruth Morley.

### er. 53 Hamburg Cummings, Victoria 2010

(1 computer file 4.56 gigabytes)

Television producer and writer.

### er. 54 Hamerow, Eleanor 2004

(1 computer file 4.88 gigabytes)

Documentary editor, film professor at New York University.

### er. 55 Hansen, Lynda 2010

(1 computer file 8.95 gigabytes)

Motion picture and documentary producer, production consultant for festivals.

### er. 56 Harris, Leslie 2012

(1 computer file 7.12 gigabytes)

Motion picture producer, screenwriter for features.

#### er. 57 Harris, Viola 2009

(1 computer file 2.07 gigabytes)

Actress.

# er. 58 Hart, Kitty Carlisle 2005

(1 computer file 4.87 gigabytes)

Actress, director of the New York State Council on the Arts.

### er. 59 Haskell, Molly 2015

(1 computer file 7.92 gigabytes)

Motion picture critic and author.

### er. 60 Hatcher, Robyn 2014

(1 computer file 5.47 gigabytes)

Actress, writer, presentation coach.

### er. 61 Hays, Lora 2004

(1 computer file 6.30 gigabytes)

Documentary film editor, professor, mentor.

### er. 62 Hegedus, Chris 2011

(1 computer file 5.14 gigabytes)

Documentary director.

### er. 63 Holm, Celeste 2009

(1 computer file 5.95 gigabytes)

Actress.

### er. 64 Horovitz, Rachael 2012

(1 computer file 8.11 gigabytes)

Motion picture film producer.

### er. 65 Jackson, Lisa 2002

(1 computer file 1.23 gigabytes)

Documentary director, producer, writer.

#### Jaffrey, Madhur 2011

Actress, television host.

### er. 66 Jaffrey Video

(1 computer file 5.40 gigabytes)

### er. 149 Jaffrey Transcript

(1 computer file 113 kilobytes)

# er. 67 Jarvis, Lucy 2006

(1 computer file 8.20 gigabytes)

Pioneer television producer at NBC, producer of Barbara Walters specials.

#### Jenkins, Carol 2011

New York City local news reporter.

### er. 68 Jenkins Video

(1 computer file 6.24 gigabytes)

Jenkins, Carol (cont.)

## er. 150 Jenkins Transcript

(1 computer file 100 kilobytes)

### er. 69 Jimenez, Lillian 2011

(1 computer file 11.2 gigabytes)

Documentary producer and director, Media Center manager.

#### er. 70 Kahn, Linda 2008

(1 computer file 7.02 gigabytes)

Television sales and acquisitions executive.

### er. 71 Kalins, Marjorie 2008

(1 computer file 6.59 gigabytes)

Television executive producer.

### er. 127 Kaplan Thaler, Linda 2011

(1 computer file 6.34 gigabytes)

Television commercials producer.

### er. 72 Kasarda, Nora 2010

(1 computer file 3.02 gigabytes)

Local 829 Scenic Artists art department.

# er. 73 Kaufman, Amy 2010

(1 computer file 6.28 gigabytes)

Motion picture producer.

### Kavaliauskas, Maryte 2013

Producer and sound recordist.

### er. 74 Kavaliauskas Video

(1 computer file 5.99 gigabytes)

## er. 151 Kavaliauskas Transcript

(1 computer file 94 kilobytes)

## er. 75 Kinberg, Judy 2014

(1 computer file 7.04 gigabytes)

Television producer of Dance in America.

### er. 76 Koch, Joanne 2011

(1 computer file 5.60 gigabytes)

Past COO and CFO of the Film Society of Lincoln Center.

## Konner, Joan W 2006

Television producer, writer, educator.

#### er. 77 Konner Video

(1 computer file 6.93 gigabytes)

#### er. 152 Konner Transcript

(1 computer file 112 kilobytes)

#### Koplovitz, Kay 2006

Television cable pioneer and founder of the USA Television network and the SciFi channel.

### er. 78 Koplovitz Video

(1 computer file 13 gigabytes)

# er. 153 Koplovitz Transcript

(1 computer file 179 kilobytes)

#### Kopple, Barbara 2012

Documentary director, producer, received two Academy Awards.

#### er. 79 Kopple Video

(1 computer file 5.81 gigabytes)

Kopple, Barbara (cont.)

# er. 154 Kopple Transcript

(1 computer file 90.5 kilobytes)

### er. 80 Kuehl, Joan 2008

(1 computer file 6.39 gigabytes)

Documentary producer, director, writer, editor.

#### er. 81 Kugel, Candy 2014

(1 computer file 6.89 gigabytes)

Animator.

# er. 82 LaBrie, Alice 2008

(1 computer file 4.76 gigabytes)

Television producer.

### er. 83 Lacy, Susan 2015

(1 computer file 10.9 gigabytes)

Documentary producer and director, HBO and American Masters.

#### Laybourne, Geraldine 2008

Television cable pioneer, co-founder of Oxygen, MTV, and Nickelodeon.

### er. 84 Laybourne Video

(1 computer file 20.2 gigabytes)

#### er. 155 Laybourne Transcript

(1 computer file 219 kilobytes)

#### er. 85 Lerner, Sharon 2011

(1 computer file 8.07 gigabytes)

Television producer, writer, marketer.

### er. 86 Littlefield, Nancy 2002

(1 computer file 1.96 gigabytes)

Director of the New York City Office of Film, Theater and Broadcasting, producer.

## er. 87 Lynton, Susan 2013

(1 computer file 7.05 gigabytes)

Digital film and video production; Eurica Media Lab executive director.

### er. 88 Makowski, Lisa 2012

(1 computer file 4.22 gigabytes)

Make-up artist.

## er. 89 Mancia, Adrienne 2009

(1 computer file 6.92 gigabytes)

Curator, Department of Film, Museum of Modern Art.

Manzano, Sonia 2013

Actress.

#### er. 90 Manzano Video

(1 computer file 4.60 gigabytes)

## er. 157 Manzano Transcript

(1 computer file 82.5 kilobytes)

### er. 91 Maple, Jessie 2005-2011

(1 computer file 14.3 gigabytes)

Motion picture camerawoman, filmmaker.

Video contains two interviews.

### er. 92 Margolin, Susan 2013

(1 computer file 8.85 gigabytes)

Television and independent film home entertainment distribution executive.

er. 93 Meyer, Muffie 2013

(1 computer file 5.21 gigabytes)

Documentary producer, director.

Miller, Beverly 2010

President of Local 829 Scenic Artists.

er. 94 Miller Video

(1 computer file 5.55 gigabytes)

er. 158 Miller Transcript

(1 computer file 108 kilobytes)

Mitchell, Pat 2011

President of Paley Center for Media.

er. 95 Mitchell Video

(1 computer file 4.42 gigabytes)

er. 159 Mitchell Transcript

(1 computer file 84 kilobytes)

er. 96 Morris, Susan 2010

(1 computer file 5.48 gigabytes)

Media executive producer, editor-in-chief, consultant.

er. 97 Moss, Vivian 2009

(1 computer file 4.93 gigabytes)

Documentary producer, executive producer.

er. 98 Newman, Eileen 2015

(1 computer file 4.10 gigabytes)

Past educational director of the Tribeca Film Festival.

Orr, Corinne 2011

Actress.

er. 99 Orr Video

(1 computer file 5.31 gigabytes)

er. 160 Orr Transcript

(1 computer file 90.5 kilobytes)

er. 100 Oscar, Sue 2011

(1 computer file 5.61 gigabytes)

Co-owner Filmaker's Library, distribution.

er. 101 Padovani, Lisa 2012

(1 computer file 8.81 gigabytes)

Costume designer.

er. 102 Pereths, Joy 2012

(1 computer file 8.29 gigabytes)

Founder of IFP; distribution and sales.

er. 103 Peters, Murial "Mike" 2006

(1 computer file 5.81 gigabytes)

Documentary executive producer.

er. 104 Pilcher, Lydia Dean 2013-2014

(1 computer file 13.3 gigabytes)

Motion picture producer.

Video contains two interviews.

Reardon, Roberta 2013

President of SAG-AFTRA.

Reardon, Roberta (cont.)

er. 105 Reardon Video

(1 computer file 6 gigabytes)

er. 161 Reardon Transcript

(1 computer file 114 kilobytes)

Renzi, Maggie 2012

Motion picture producer of fifteen titles.

er. 106 Renzi Video

(1 computer file 5.54 gigabytes)

er. 162 Renzi Transcript

(1 computer file 92 kilobytes)

er. 107 Rick, Barbara 2013

(1 computer file 7.70 gigabytes)

Documentary filmmaker and journalist.

er. 108 Robinson, Amy 2011

(1 computer file 3.76 gigabytes)

Motion picture producer, received Spirit Award for Best Feature for After Hours.

er. 109 Rosen, Marjorie 2011

(1 computer file 7.40 gigabytes) Film critic, author, journalist.

er. 110 Rosenberg, Lisa 2011

(1 computer file 5.86 gigabytes)

Cinematographer.

Rosenblum, Nina 2012

Documentary filmmaker.

er. 111 Rosenblum Video

(1 computer file 6.42 gigabytes)

er. 163 Rosenblum Transcript

(1 computer file 111 kilobytes)

Roth, Ann 2011

Costume designer, received Academy Award for The English Patient.

er. 112 Roth Video

(1 computer file 6.13 gigabytes)

er. 164 Roth Transcript

(1 computer file 97 kilobytes)

Sanders, Marlene 2006

Correspondent for ABC Network News.

er. 113 Sanders Video

(1 computer file 17.4 gigabytes)

er. 165 Sanders Transcript

(1 computer file 249 kilobytes)

er. 114 Schoonmaker, Thelma 2009

(1 computer file 6.67 gigabytes)

Film editor, received three Academy Awards.

Schramm, Nadine 2013

Motion picture production services.

er. 115 Schramm Video

(1 computer file 4.22 gigabytes)

Schramm, Nadine (cont.)

### er. 166 Schramm Transcript

(1 computer file 83 kilobytes)

### er. 116 Serra, MM (Mary Magdalene) 2013

(1 computer file 8.08 gigabytes)

Documentary director, The Film-Maker's Cooperative.

#### er. 117 Setlow, Marcie 2016

(1 computer file 9.35 gigabytes)

Public television development director.

### er. 118 Silver, Joan Micklin 2006

(1 computer file 6.25 gigabytes)

Motion picture director, producer, writer.

### er. 119 Sissel, Sandi 2015

(1 computer file 7.82 gigabytes)

Cinematographer.

### er. 120 Slovin, Rochelle 2013

(1 computer file 6.90 gigabytes)

Director of Museum of the Moving Image, curator, and actress.

# er. 121 Sokol, Marilyn 2014

(1 computer file 8.16 gigabytes)

Actress.

### er. 122 Starr, Cecile 2012

(1 computer file 9.95 gigabytes)

Documentary and motion picture educator, writer.

# er. 123 Stutesman, Drake 2011

(1 computer file 5.02 gigabytes)

Motion picture researcher, writer, educator.

### er. 124 Talbot, Toby 2006

(1 computer file 6.53 gigabytes)

Film exhibitor, New Yorker Theater.

### Taylor, Dyanna 2009

Cinematographer, received Academy Award.

# er. 125 Taylor Video

(1 computer file 11.7 gigabytes)

# er. 167 Taylor Transcript

(1 computer file 43.5 kilobytes)

Transcript is incomplete.

# er. 126 Thacher, Anita 2010

(1 computer file 4.91 gigabytes)

Video artist.

### er. 128 Timmermann, Bonnie 2011

(1 computer file 8 gigabytes)

Casting director, motion picture producer.

### er. 129 Tiranoff, Louise 2012

(1 computer file 12.3 gigabytes)

Documentary and multi-media producer.

# Uggams, Leslie 2011

Actress, singer.

# er. 130 Uggams Video

(1 computer file 5.71 gigabytes)

Uggams, Leslie (cont.)

### er. 168 Uggams Transcript

(1 computer file 103 kilobytes)

### er. 131 von Brandenstein, Patrizia 2007-2008

(1 computer file 13.4 gigabytes)

Motion picture production designer, received three nominations for Academy Awards; first woman to receive an Academy Award for production design.

Video contains two interviews.

# er. 132 Watanabe-Batton, Rachel 2013

(1 computer file 9.22 gigabytes)

Administrator of the Producers Guild of America.

# er. 133 Watts, Rolonda 2018

(1 computer file 3.98 gigabytes)

Television talk show host, actress, producer.

### er. 134 Werbe, Susan 2012

(1 computer file 11.5 gigabytes)

Television executive producer, producer of History Channel, received two Emmy Awards.

### er. 135 Whitney, Helen 2011

(1 computer file 6.93 gigabytes)

Documentary producer, received Emmy Award.

### er. 136 Yellen, Linda 2010

(1 computer file 7.37 gigabytes)

Motion picture and documentary producer, director, writer.

#### er. 137 Zakowska, Donna 2009

(1 computer file 4.70 gigabytes)

Costume designer.

### er. 138 Zimmerman, Debra 2016

(1 computer file 5.43 gigabytes)

Executive director, Women Make Movies.

## er. 139 Zimmerman, Gail 2013

(1 computer file 4.26 gigabytes)

Television producer.

#### Zirinsky, Susan 2016

Television network president, journalist, and news producer at CBS.

### er. 140 Zirinsky Video

(1 computer file 12.9 gigabytes)

### er. 169 Zirinksy Transcript

(1 computer file 206 kilobytes)

### er. 170 Supplementary Material

(2 computer files 290 kilobytes)

Contains a spreadsheet with technical information about the filming of each interview and a bio sheet with brief biographies about the interviewees.