

# Elitha Peterson Productions - “Champions for Change” fonds

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## Fonds Description

**Elitha Peterson Productions - "Champions for Change" fonds.** – 2004-2006.

3.0 cm of textual records.

26 video tapes.

### Administrative History

"Champions for Change" is a documentary series about Canadian Paralympians by Elitha Peterson Productions that aired on Sportsnet in 2005. "Champions for Change" aired in three half-hour segments titled "Sports First," "Let the Games Begin", and "The Value of Gold." It focuses on three Canadian Paralympians, Chantal Benoit, Jeff Adams, and Chantal Petitclerc, and the history and issues of the Paralympic Movement in Canada.

Elitha Peterson Productions and Executive Producer Sylvia Sweeney produced "Champions for Change" in 2005. For this project, Elitha Peterson Productions Inc. partnered with Dan Ierullo, Canadian distributor and producer and former owner of Records on Wheels. Sylvia Sweeney herself is a Canadian Olympian (1976 and 1984), was inducted into the Canadian Basketball Hall of Fame in 1984, and was the Most Valuable Player in the World Championships of Basketball in 1979. She has produced many award-winning documentaries including the 1992 documentary titled "In the Key of Oscar." She named Elitha Peterson Productions after her mother, Daisy Elitha Peterson Sweeney, renowned musician and piano professor and sister to famous jazz musician and composer, Oscar Peterson.

The three Canadian Paralympians highlighted in "Champions for Change" are all renowned Canadian Paralympic competitors. Chantal Benoit, 16-year member of Canada's Wheelchair Basketball Team, competed for Canada at five Paralympic Games, winning three gold medals (Barcelona, 1992; Atlanta, 1996; Sydney, 2000) and one bronze (Athens, 2004). She was Canada's flag bearer at Athens in 2004.

"Champions for Change" also features Jeff Adams, a six-time world champion in Wheelchair Sports. He competed for Canada at six consecutive Paralympics (1988-2008), winning three gold, four silver, and six bronze medals. He was inducted into the Terry Fox Hall of Fame in 1997.

Chantal Petitclerc is also featured in "Champions for Change". She is a Canadian Wheelchair Racer who has won 21 Paralympic medals, 14 of them gold. After her performance at the 2008 Summer Paralympics in Beijing, she was awarded the Lou Marsh Trophy as Canadian Athlete of the Year. She was flag bear for the Canadian team

at the 2006 Commonwealth Games. In 2009, she was made a Companion of the Order of Canada.

### **Custodial History**

Video recordings and supporting documentation were transferred to UBC Archives by Don Ierullo.

### **Scope and Content**

The fonds consists of textual documents and audiovisual materials that relate to the filming and production of "Champions for Change". The textual materials includes synopsis and scripts, tape logs, shot lists, transcripts and interview transcripts. A number of the tapes (including #3, #9, #10, #16, #17, #20 and #21) are not transcribed. The audiovisual materials are 26 video tapes which include master copies of the three-part series "Champions for Change", the master dub tape, as well as additional footage of interviews with key individuals. The individuals interviewed include Chantal Benoit, Jeff Adams, Chantal Petitclerc, B. MacPherson, Kristine Bacharach, Travis Engen, Dan Gangier, Eric Gagnon, and Rebecca Borneman. The tapes also include stock footage and B-roll shots.

## Series Descriptions

**Film Production Series.** – 2004-2006.

3.0 cm of textual records.

26 video tapes.

Series consists of 26 video tapes as well as one file of textual records regarding the production of "Champions for Change". Of the video tapes, 24 are Betacam SP, 2 are VHS. There is one Betacam SP Master for each of the 3 episodes - "Sports First!", "Let the Games Begin", and "The Value of Gold." 21 of the Betacam SP tapes in this series are stock footage. There is also one Dub of Master and one other copy of "Champions for Change," both VHS tapes. The textual records includes synopsis and scripts, tape logs, shot lists, transcripts, and interview transcripts concerning "Champions for Change."

All dates, titles, and times are adopted from the written notes on the tapes themselves or from the transcripts.

# Item List

## FILM PRODUCTION SERIES

### BOX 1

1-1 "Champions for Change" scripts, logs and transcripts. [N.D.] [2 folders]

### Video Tapes

VT 2276/1 Tape #1 - Chantal Benoit Interview. (November 13, 2004). Betacam SP. 01:00:35-01:27:42. Note -- written on tape "Chantal Benoit / Nov 13/04 / Interview @ Home. / Camera G. Lackner / Interview S. Sweeney".

VT 2276/2 Tape #2 - B. MacPherson Canadian Paralympic Committee. (November 13, 2004). Betacam SP. 02:16:06:06-02:28:44. Note -- written on tape "Stills Benoit / B Roll 3/5 / Interview B. MacPherson / Paralympic & Olympic Office".

VT 2276/3 Tape #3 - Jeff Adams, B-Roll Training & Interview. (N.D.). Betacam SP. Note -- written on tape "JA -1 / Jeff Adams / BROLL - STREET PRACTICE / INTVV - PT 1" and written on tape cover "Camera G. Van Asperen. Out of truck into chair & gear."

VT 2276/4 Tape #4 - Jeff Adams Interview. (July, 2004). Betacam SP. 01:29:10-01:52:30. Note -- written on tape "July 2004 / Camera; Greg Van Asperen / Toronto JA-2 / Jeff Adams / Sportsnet / INTVV - JEFF PTS. 2 / B-ROLL - JEFF WORKS ON BIKE" and written on tape cover "Brolls shots @ / his home @ computer fixing wheelchair."

VT 2276/5 Tape #5 - Interview with Kristine Bacharach. (July, 2004). Betacam SP. 02:01:41-02:12:04. Note -- written on tape "July 2004 / Camera: Graig Van Asperen / JA 3 / Toronto / Sportsnet / Jeff Adams / INTERVIEW W/ -GIRLFRIEND KRISTINE / -TRAINING W/ KRISTINE BACHARACH / - BROLL. / INTERVV - K / PT 1 - TRACK TRAINING".

VT 2276/6 Tape #6 - Jeff Adams Interview. (July, 2004). Betacam SP. 02:24:31-02:46:00. Note - written on tape "JA-4 / ½ tape - track training" and written on tape cover "JULY 2004 / CAMERA: GREG VAN ASPEREN / TORONTO / SPORTSNET / NO AUDIO".

- VT 2276/7 Tape #7 - Jeff Adams Interview. (December 9, 2004). Betacam SP. 05:06:24-05:28:30. Note - written on tape "J.ADAMS - INTERVIEW / BY SARAH WILLINSKY / DEC 9/04 / STILLS".
- VT 2276/8 Tape #8 - Jeff Adams Interview Cont'd. (December 9, 2004). Betacam SP. 06:00:24-06:06:30. Note - written on tape "JEFF ADMAS / INTERVIEW BY / SARAH WILLINSKY / DEC. 9/04".
- VT 2276/9 Tape #9 - Petitclerc motivational Speech in French. (November 10, 2004). Betacam SP. 10:00:00-10:28:00. Note - written on tape "Camera J. Abrano / Nov 10/04 / CHANTAL / PETITCLERC / DOCUMENTARY / motivational speech @ / Dundee (French)".
- VT 2276/10 Tape #10 - Petitclerc motivational Speech in French. (November 10, 2004). Betacam SP. 10:28:34-10:35:13. Note - written on tape "Pt 2 / Motival Speech / @ Dundee (French) / camera / J. Abrano / CHANTAL / PETICLERC / DOCUMENTARY / Nov 10/04".
- VT 2276/11 Tape #11 - Chantal Petitclerc Alcan Speech and Interviews. (November 12, 2004). Betacam SP. 10:47:24-11:04:39. Note - written on tape "CHANTAL / PETICLERC / DOCUMENTARY / 10:47:24 Travis Alcan / 10:49:00 Coach / 10:50:00 Chantal / 10:58:39 Interview Coach / Nov 12/04 - Olympic Stadium / - Chantal Alcan Pres. / - Coach Interview".
- VT 2276/12 Tape #12 - Travis Engen Dan Gangier & Eric Gagnon. (November 12, 2004). Betacam SP. 11:05:14-11:16:19. Note - written on tape "C. man / J. Abrano / interviews / S. Sweeney / Nov 12/04 / CHANTAL / PETITCLERC / - Chantal @ Alcan Interviews / - Historical photos from CPC Books" and written on front of case "Stills from / CPC Books / Photos 11:35-13:29".
- VT 2276/13 Tape #13 - Interview with Chantal Petitclerc. (November 15, 2004). Betacam SP. 04:00:20-04:26:30. Note - written on tape "Chantal Petitclerc / Ext. Interview @ / Track / Nov 15/04 / camera: J. Abrano / Interview: S. Sweeney".
- VT 2276/14 Tape #14 - Chantal Petitclerc Interview cont'd. (November 15, 2004). Betacam SP. 05:00:20-05:29:30. Note - written on tape

"Chantal Petitclerc / Interview @ Track / Etc. / Nov 15/04 / J. Abrano Camera / S. Sweeney Interview".

- VT 2276/15 Tape #15 - Chantal Petitclerc. (November 15, 2004). Betacam SP. 06:00:00-06:25:00. Note - written on tape "Chantal Petitclerc / Ext: Track Interview / Nov 15/04 / J. Abrano Camera / S. Sweeney Interview".
- VT 2276/16 Tape #16 - B roll Petitclerc. (November 15, 2004). Betacam SP. Note - written on tape "Chantal Petitclerc / B Roll Various / shots Track / Weight room / Pool / Nov 15/04 / Camera: J. Abrano".
- VT 2276/17 Tape #17 - B roll Petitclerc & Montreal shots. (November, 2004). Betacam SP. Note - written on tape "1) Claude Robillard / 2) Alcan Building / 3) Montreal" and written on cover of tape "MONTREAL SHOOT / FOR CHAMPIONS FOR CHANGE / - shot by John Abrano / - Alcan Estab/Petitclerc SportsFac/Estab / Montreal Beauty Shots".
- VT 2276/18 Tape #18 - Rebecca Borneman Sport Canada. (November 2004). Betacam SP. Note - written on tape "CHAMPTIONS FOR CHANGE / REBECCA BOURNEMAN SPORT CAN / OTTAWA - Nov 2004 / Cam S. Sweeney, / Sound B. Roderiques / P.A. Sarah Willinsky / HI8 TAPE DUBBED TO BETA / DAT TAPE NO SOUND" and written on cover "Shot in Ottawa".
- VT 2276/19 Tape #19 - Brian MacPherson Canadian Paralympic Committee. (November 4, 2004). Betacam SP. Note - written on tape "OTTAWA TAPE 2 / CHAMPIONS FOR CHANGE / Rebecca Bourneman Tape 2 / Take 1 Brian MacPherson / Hi8 Master - BETA DUB / DAT AUDIO MASTER NO S.O.T. / Nov/04/04".
- VT 2276/20 Tape #20 - Ontario Paralympic. (August 2004). Betacam SP. Note - written on tape "G. VanAsperen" and written on tape cover "ONTARIO / PARALYMPIC / AUG 2004 / C4C / Tape 20 / Camera G. VanAsperen".
- VT 2276/21 Tape #21 - Ontario Paralympic. (Summer 2004). Betacam SP. Note - written on tape "tape 21 / OPC - 2" and written on tape cover "ONTARIO PARALYPIC / SUMMER 2004 / G. VANASPEREN".



- VT 2276/22      Tape #22 - "Sports First" Episode 1. (February 10, 2005). Betacam SP. Note - written on tape "CHAMPIONS FOR CHANGE / 'SPORTS FIRST' EPISODE 1 / Date: February 10, 2005 / An Elitha Peterson Production / Length: 22:59 / Start: 10:00:00:00 / Master Twenty-second Blacks / Producer : Sylvia Sweeney / Elitha Peterson Productions / 8 Willow Avenue / Toronto M5J 1Y2 / (416) 238 6894" and note that similar information is written on the cover but the date written is "February 23, 2005".
- VT 2276/23      Tape #23 - "Let the Games Begin" Episode 2. (February 10, 2005). Betacam SP. Note - written on tape "CHAMPIONS FOR CHANGE / "LET THE GAMES BEGIN" EPISODE 2 / Date: February 10, 2005 / An Elitha Peterson Production / Length: 22:59 / Start: 10:00:00:00 / Master Twenty-second blacks / Producer: Sylvia Sweeney / Elitha Peterson Productions / 8 Willow Avenue / Toronto ON / M5J 1Y2 (416) 238-6894".
- VT 2276/24      Tape #24 - "The Value of Gold" Episode 3. (February 20, 2005). Betacam SP. Note - written on tape "CHAMPIONS FOR CHANGE / 'THE VALUE OF GOLD' EPISODE 3 / Date: February 20, 2005 / An Elitha Peterson Production / Length 22:59 / Start: 10:00:00:00 / Master Twenty-second blacks / Producer: Sylvia Sweeney / Elitha Peterson Productions / 8 Willow Avenue / Toronto ON M5J 1Y2 / (416) 238-6894".
- VT 2276/25      Tape #25 - Champions for Change Dub of Master. (2005). VHS. Note - written on tape cover "MASTER" and "DUB OF MASTER".
- VT 2276/26      Tape #26 - Champions for Change. (2005). VHS. Note – same as Tape #25.