

**Collection title:** Christy Modita Engels and Safire Rose Collection

**Collection ID:** ENRO

**Size:** .4 linear feet

**Date:** 1973-2017

**Abstract:**

Christy Modita Engels and Safire Rose Collection consists of LA Women's Community Chorus materials, newsprint featuring articles about Christy and Safire, a famous poem by Safire Rose, programs from the National Conference on Women and the Law, and feminist periodicals and materials.

**Accession information:**

Christy and Safire learned about the Mazer Archives from their friend, Casey Winkleman, and donated the materials February 21, 2021.

**Provenance:**

The materials accumulated over the years through various activities Christy and Safire participated in.

**Restrictions:**

The collection is open to researchers. There are no restrictions on the collection.

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**Biographical sketch:**

Christy Modita Engels and Safire Rose are spouses living in Los Angeles, California. Christy and Safire have attended many spiritual retreats and gatherings over the years in Ojai, Taos, Los Angeles, and other places. Christy has led storytelling events about Hanuman at Bhakti Yoga Shala in Santa Monica.

Safire is a graduate of the Holmes Institute School of Ministry, and the University of Santa Monica Soul-Centered Living Certificate Program in Spiritual Psychology. She is a coach through Alan Cohen's Foundation for Holistic Coaching, and Anne Deidre's intuitive coaching program. Safire received her *Juris Doctor* degree from Southwestern Law School, and a Master's degree from the University of California, Irvine where she specialized in women's

history and African-American history. In the corporate world, Safire served as a general litigation paralegal for private law firms and governmental agencies, working in such areas as employment litigation and municipal law. Safire Rose is a poet and the author of the poem “She Let Go”.

As part of her path, Safire has immersed herself in the inclusive truth teachings and practices of all major spiritual traditions, and of New Thought. In her daily life, Safire practices the Presence through mindful awareness, meditation, metta (loving kindness), kirtan (chanting the names of God), and spends time in silent retreat.

Safire has taught several workshops including *Relationship as a Spiritual Path*, *The Heart of Forgiveness*, *Sexual Orientation and Spirituality*, and *Be Still and Know—a Day of Mindfulness*, and has been a guest speaker at Agape International Spiritual Center, and several Centers for Spiritual Living throughout Southern California. chrSafire has regularly contributed to Agape’s inspirational monthly publication, *Inner Visions*, and has contributed daily meditations and articles for the *Science of Mind* Magazine.

**Scope and content:**

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Sisterhood Bookstore bookmarks and L.A. Women’s Yellow Pages (1977) were deaccessioned because they are already in the Mazer Archives collections.

**Processing notes:**

This collection was processed by Casey Winkleman in 2021 as part of the California State Grant.

There was no apparent order to the collection when it arrived. Materials were arranged chronologically and by material type. Newsprint is allocated to one box to keep acidity away from non-newsprint paper.

**Arrangement:**

Series I: Personal papers

Series II: Audiovisual materials

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**Box 1**

Series I: Personal papers

Scope and content: Materials from the LA Women's Community Chorus, 16th National Conference on Women and the Law, feminist periodicals, and famous poetry written by donor

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- Box 1, Folder 1 LA Women's Community Chorus, 1982-1984, Director: Sue Fink
- Box 1, Folder 2 LA Women's Community Chorus 10th Anniversary Benefit Concert
- Box 1, Folder 3 16th National Conference on Women and the Law, March 21-24, 1985
- Box 1, Folder 4 20th National Conference on Women and the Law, March 30-April 2, 1989
- Box 1, Folder 5 Christy Modita Engels 71st birthday celebration, 2017
- Box 1, Folder 6 Feminist periodicals - Off Our Backs, Lesbian Tide, Our Bodies Our Selves, Lesbian News
- Box 1, Folder 7 Women of Power: a magazine of feminist spirituality and politics
- Box 1, Folder 8 "She let go" by Safire Rose

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## **Box 2**

Series II: Audiovisual materials

Scope and contents note: Audio cassettes, GLAAD freedom to marry, newspapers with donors, and Getting Clear: Body Work for Women

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- Box 2, Folder 1 Audio cassettes - gay sexuality and healing; accepting your gay/lesbian child; Judy Chicago's dinner party
- Box 2, Folder 2 GLAAD Presents: Freedom to Marry, Engel - Rose 1995 (DVD)
- Box 2, Folder 3 Humboldt women in art postcard "if you want a job well done hire a woman"
- Box 2, Folder 4 LA Weekly article about Judy Chicago
- Box 2, Folder 5 Newspapers with features on Christy Engels and Safire Rose - Agape Vision