

Finding Aid to Chana Wilson audiotapes

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Repository: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society

Collection Title: Chana Wilson audiotapes

Collection Number: 2003-07

Physical Description: 3 linear feet (two cartons, one manuscript box)

Creator: Wilson, Chana

Date (inclusive): 1973-1982

Language of Material: English

Abstract: Chana Wilson is an author, storyteller, and former radio host who was involved with three lesbian radio shows between 1973 and 1982: Lesbian Air (collectively produced), Radio Free Lesbian (collectively produced and/or produced by Wilson), and A World Wind (produced and hosted by Wilson). Recordings primarily capture interviews, live music, and poetry and other readings by women.

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Acquisition Information:

The collection was donated to the GLBT Historical Society by Chana Wilson in 2003, with an additional donation in 2018.

Processing Information:

Finding Aid created by Isaac Fellman in 2019, based on earlier catalog entries.

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Biographical/Organizational History Note: Chana Wilson is an author, storyteller, and former radio host who was involved with three lesbian radio shows between 1973 and 1982: Lesbian Air (collectively produced), Radio Free Lesbian (collectively produced and/or produced by Wilson), and A World Wind (produced and hosted by Wilson). She is also the author of a memoir, *Riding Fury Home*, about her mother's own coming out as lesbian.

Scope and Content: Recordings primarily capture interviews, live music, and poetry and other readings by women. Interviews include The Meteorites, a disabled lesbian basketball team; Bay Area Women AGAINST RAPE; "Manushi" collective with Indian feminists; and discussions with Native American women. Poetry and literature readings include pieces by Pat Parker, E.M. Broner, Martha Shelley, as well as Asian women poets. Music recordings include Swing Shift, Flash Silvermoon, Deanna Alida, and Debbie Lempke. Reels are unsorted but labeled, although some content is labeled as unknown.

Indexing Terms:

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Homosexuality on radio