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**Faith Pillow, 1954-2003
Papers, 1976-2001**

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2 cubic feet

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Scope and Content Note

Sheet music, lyric sheets, recordings, photographs, promotional materials, periodical clippings, and a journal related to jazz musician Pillow's career in Chicago, Los Angeles, the Netherlands, and Louisville. Contains recording charts for several of Pillow's songs original compositions and two covers, "Natural Woman" (King/Goffin/Wexler) and "Blackbird" (Lennon/McCartney). Includes Pillow's compact discs and LPs as well as a large number of photographs of Pillow taken by Chicagoan Lisa Ebright and contact sheets of photos taken by Dutch photographer Coerlien Hey.

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Biographical Note

Faith Pillow was a jazz musician born and raised in Louisville. In the 1970s, after a series of singing gigs in Louisville, she moved to Chicago and began her career as a songwriter. In 1981, she released her self-titled, debut album. Eventually, she left Chicago, settling in Los Angeles and then Amsterdam. While in the Netherlands in the 1990s, she released four albums. In the mid-1990s, Pillow returned to Louisville and became a frequent performer in local clubs, and 2001 saw the re-release of her debut album (re-titled *Live 1981*) by a Japanese label. She died in 2003 following surgery at University of Louisville Hospital.

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Folder List

Folder 1: Biography and Miscellaneous
Folder 2: "Blackbird" Charts
Folder 3: "Shady Lady" Charts
Folder 4: "Makes Me Know" Charts
Folder 5: "Come on Down" Charts
Folder 6: "Being Loved" Charts
Folder 7: "Melinda" Charts
Folder 8: "Sanity" Charts
Folder 9: "Natural Woman" Charts
Folder 10: Chord Sheets
Folder 11: Songbook
Folder 12: Lyrics I
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Folder 14: Lyric Notebook I
Folder 15: Lyric Notebook II
Folder 16: Lyric Notebook III
Folder 17: Lyric Notebook IV
Folder 18: Short Stories Notebook
Folder 19: Musings
Folder 20: Diary/Lyric Book
Folder 21: Lyric Book
Folder 22: *Faith Pillow Song Book*
Folder 23: Compact Discs – 1995-1996
Folder 24: Compact Discs – *Amsterdam & Live 1981*
Folder 25: Compact Discs – Archival
Folder 26: DAT Tapes
Folder 27: Photograph Album I
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Folder 29: Binder I
Folder 30: Binder II
Folder 31: Journal
Folder 32: VHS – At the Rud, 4 December 1997
Folder 33: DVD – O'Brian, parts 1 and 2
Folder 34: *Faith Pillow* LP & Artwork (oversize)

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Recordings List

Faith Pillow – LP (1981, folder 34)
Sanity – CD (1995, folder 23)
Hard to Sleep – CD (1995, folder 23)
Run in the Sunshine – CD (1996, folder 23)
“Run in the Sunshine” – CD single (1996, folder 23)
“Stuck in the Middle” – CD single (1996, folder 23)
Amsterdam (199?, folder 24)
Live 1981 (2001, folder 24 – reissue of *Faith Pillow*)
Sanity – Archival CD, no artwork
Run in the Sunshine – Archival CD, no artwork
Amsterdam – Archival CD, no artwork
Live 1981 – Archival CD, no artwork
The String-Amsterdam – Archival CD, no artwork
The String (2)-Amsterdam – Archival CD, no artwork
Studio-Variou – Archival CD, no artwork

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