# **Sirens' Songs:**

### An Inventory of the Portfolio in the Art Collection at the Harry Ransom Center

### **Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Stevens, Elisabeth

Title: Sirens' Songs

**Dates:** 2010

**Extent:** 1 portfolio of 13 etchings

**Abstract:** Elisabeth Stevens' *Sirens' Songs* consists of a single portfolio

containing thirteen original etchings and accompanying poems in a

clamshell box.

**Call Number:** Art Collection AR-00377

Language: English

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# **Administrative Information**

**Acquisition:** Gift of the artist, 2011 (11-11-019-G)

**Processed by:** Jill Morena, 2017

**Repository:** <u>Harry Ransom Center, The University of Texas at Austin</u>

## **Biographical Sketch**

Elisabeth Goss Stevens was born in Rome, New York. She graduated from Wellesley College, and received an MA from Columbia University in Modern Literature. As an artist, Stevens produced etchings, silverpoints, linocuts, and illustrations for her own books, other authors, and various periodicals. As a journalist and critic, she wrote articles and reviews on art, architecture, drama, and film for a number of major national magazines and newspapers, such as The Washington Post and The Wall Street Journal. She was also the author of several works of fiction and poetry. She died at her home in Sarasota, Florida on June 10, 2018.

#### **Sources:**

Goss Press, "Elisabeth Stevens Schleussner, writer and graphic artist, dies at 88,", http://www.gosspress.com/elisabeth-goss-obituary/ (accessed on 27 June 2018).

## **Scope and Contents**

Sirens' Songs includes 13 etchings interpersed with hand-printed sheets of poems by Stevens, mainly about love and erotic life between men and women.

#### **Related Material**

There are two other portfolios in the collection by Stevens, *The Sufferers* (AR-00376) and *Eranos* (AR-00263).

### **Index Terms**

#### **Subjects**

Erotic art--20th century.

Sirens (Mythology).

Stevens, Elisabeth.

### **Document Types**

Etchings--2010-2019.

Portfolios--2000-2010.

Location -q- PS 3569 T4513 S57 2010

**Accession Number: 2011.25.1** Title page. 2010. Print; 30.5 x 25.5 cm.

**Accession Number: 2011.25.2** Frontispiece. 2010. Etching; 30.5 x 25.5 cm (sheet); 25 x 20 cm (image).

**Accession Number: 2011.25.3** Copyright page. 2010. Print; 30.5 x 25.5 cm.

**Accession Number: 2011.25.4** Bibilcal verse from Jeremiah and Psalms. 2010. Print; 30.5 x 25.5 cm.

**Accession Number: 2011.25.5** Table of Contents, Page 1. 2010. Print; 30.5 x 25.5 cm.

**Accession Number: 2011.25.6** Table of Contents, Page 2. 2010. Print; 30.5 x 25.5 cm.

**Accession Number: 2011.25.7** List of etchings. 2010. Print; 30.5 x 25.5 cm.

**Accession Number: 2011.25.8** Part one. 2010. Print; 30.5 x 25.5 cm.

**Accession Number: 2011.25.9** Page 2. 2010. Print; 30.5 x 25.5 cm.

**Accession Number: 2011.25.10** White. 2010. Etching; 30.5 x 25.5 cm (sheet); 25 x 20 cm (image).

**Accession Number: 2011.25.11** Page 4. 2010 Print; 30.5 x 25.5 cm.

**Accession Number: 2011.25.12** Page 5. 2010. Print; 30.5 x 25.5 cm.

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**Accession Number: 2011.25.15** Page 8. 2010. Print; 30.5 x 25.5 cm.

**Accession Number: 2011.25.16** Floating Hair. 2010. Etching; 30.5 x 25.5 cm (sheet); 25 x 20 cm (image).

**Accession Number: 2011.25.17** Page 10. 2010. Print; 30.5 x 25.5 cm.

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**Accession Number: 2011.25.20** The Mermaid's Tale. 2010. Etching; 30.5 x 25.5 cm (sheet); 25 x 20 cm (image).

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**Accession Number: 2011.25.24** Page 17. 2010. Print; 30.5 x 25.5 cm.

**Accession Number: 2011.25.25** Part Two. 2010. Print; 30.5 x 25.5 cm.

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**Accession Number: 2011.25.33** Page 26. 2010. Print; 30.5 x 25.5 cm.

**Accession Number: 2011.25.34** Pale Green Goodbye. 2010. Etching; 30.5 x 25.5 cm (sheet); 25 x 20 cm (image).

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**Accession Number: 2011.25.70** Anima. 2010. Etching; 30.5 x 25.5 cm. (sheet); 25 x 20 cm. (image)

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**Accession Number: 2011.25.72** Spotted Herbivorous Colophon. 2010. Etching; 30.5 x 25.5 cm (sheet); 25 x 20 cm (image).

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