

Contra Costa County Clerk Ceremony Rooms

Couples getting married at the Clerk-Recorder's office can now exchange vows in front of beautiful stained glass windows. The windows, serve as privacy panels to obscure the street view.

Trees in autumn colors, embellished with jewels from an old carousel ride and vibrant blue birds, blend together to span two large windows facing Castro Street. A smaller set of panels add to the ambiance of the larger ceremony room by elegantly framing a Longfellow quote, "...And the song from beginning to end, I found in the heart of a friend."

Artist Christina Amri, of Amri Studios in Sebastol, designed the windows and describes her work as "a passion to transform everyday light into the light of paradise." Her passion will now be the backdrop for all weddings in the Clerk-Recorder's office.

Privacy panels were part of the original building plan over seven years ago for the Clerk-Recorder's office located at 555 Escobar Street. However, austere budgets and search for an artist to take on the project at a discounted rate, resulted in delays. Clerk-Recorder Joe Canciamilla, who brought the project to fruition, states "The stained glass windows are a lovely addition to our ceremony rooms and represent our continuing efforts to enhance the appearance and operation of our wedding services."