

# Debra Sparrow, x<sup>w</sup>məθk<sup>w</sup>əyəm Master Weaver



## Biography

**Debra Sparrow was born and raised on the Musqueam Indian Reserve and is self-taught in Salish design and jewellery-making. Her contemporary work combines textile and Salish design into geometric, hand spun blankets and hangings and can be seen in various museums and institutions, including the Vancouver Airport, Museum of Civilizations in Ottawa and the University of British Columbia. Debra designed the logo for the Canadian Men's Hockey Team for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games in Vancouver, B.C. She also continues to work on pieces close to her heart at her home in Musqueam. It is Debra's hope to educate others about the beauty and integrity of her people's history through her art. Debra is a highly accomplished weaver, and for over 20 years has played a pivotal role in the ongoing revival of Musqueam weaving.**

<https://thebluecabin.ca/residency/skeins/debra-sparrow/>

**“Her work has blanketed the City of Vancouver and VSB schools, both inside and out.”**

Chas Desjarlais, Director of Instruction - Indigenous Education