





Patricia Michaels

Fashion & Textile Designer, Public Speaker & Educator

Patricia Michaels is a Taos Pueblo Native Fashion and Textile designer who has won multiple awards and accolades for her interdisciplinary artistry, vision, and activism. Her standing-room-only fashion shows, including at NYNY Fashion Week, feature a unique, mesmerizing, and contemporary vision of Native Art, and has earned Patricia recognition from the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, the Bill and Melinda Gates Scholar Foundation, and most famously, Bravo's Project Runway and recently the [Harwood Museum of Art](#). She has worked internationally in artist residencies, producing fashion shows, and giving lectures and workshops. Patricia is CEO of "PMWaterlily" LLC, and in her new company "Water Lily Design" www.pmwaterlilyfashion.com with her 2 new partners Ed Srsic and Ralph Larranaga. They are experienced designers which makes a for a strong team. Patricia produces her haute couture collections, a line of ready-to-wear fashion, a home line with Akin Homes, and a line of uniforms designed for Hotel Chaco.

"I will always help my people in the work that I do. I give awareness to the genocide of the Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women Girls, "MMIWG" mmiwg-ffada.ca so that this will stop. <https://youtu.be/S5zNLoJ0h80> She is a long-time lover of opera and will be returning to the art form after having worked at the Santa Fe Opera costume department early in her career.

"Patricia trained at the Institute of American Indian Arts and the Chicago Art Institute. She draws inspiration from her heritage and her family, particularly her two children, Gabriel and Margeaux and companion James. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ez40HlgwjZw>

My strengths are bringing modern fashion to Native American designs. Working with clients to bring them looks that are fresh and in the themes where they come back for more. I know my fibers and I'm not afraid to explore the many uses of fabric. I understand culture and history so I bring back into functional use of design today with clean subtle aesthetics and unique details that are derivative of the theme. I can be amongst many different personalities and be inspired to walk away with someone as my muse.

I enjoy the past with the present traveling to see more. I then can take that experience and create a palette that is full of options. I like to keep my mind open for change and new processes. I'm not afraid to edit and I enjoy a constructive critique. Ever since I was in 2nd grade, I knew I wanted to do something that was creative and fast-paced, with no two days the same. I was also incredibly fascinated with garments, regalia, and costume, so fashion was the ticket. Fashion is an art that not only changes constantly, but demands change. It is an art that invites exploring new themes and remixing them with values from the past. I truly believe that clothing can transform the wearer, and I love to see my clients change and be changed by my work.

All of my designs carry personal meaning behind them and it thrills me that those messages resonate with my clients and go out into the world in the form of clothing and textiles. It gives me a feeling of great accomplishment that spurs me on to do more. As Anna Wintour said, "Nudity is not an option," so there are endless opportunities in fashion: ready to wear, entertainment, business, spa, uniforms, evening, athletic wear — the list goes on. Fashion also goes beyond the garments themselves. There is a whole business ecosystem.





Photo shoots, displays, runways, hair, makeup, marketing and editorial. The teams of talent that I get to meet and work with are wonderful. I love working with the many different personalities of seamstresses, pattern makers, textile workers, graphic designers, sales reps and backstage heroes. Fashion is heavily collaborative, leveraging teams of people to accomplish one look, a capsule collection or a huge complete season collection. This orchestration is one big family that I always love to get to visit again.

This brings me to my new business with 2 investors who have been in the design industry. We have created new collections for sportswear and Masks. The COVID challenges have changed my direction in fashion. With my team we have created select silhouettes that would bring clothing to spend time in a physically more active environment, which is affordable and still highend with my textile design authentics. Preview my Stills in Shared Drive. https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1A1yt1pJKq26qHC0iPsk9_rhgLtrCxGrA

In March I started to create masks as clients, friends and started to ask. Project Runway & Naomi Campbell were invited as one of the PR designers to be on a team of designers to sell masks where part of the proceeds would go to Non-for-profit organizations. www.thefacesoffashion.com.

It is extremely important to help where and how we can.

Video Links

NEW PMWaterlily / WaterlilyDesigns Clothing Line Video

[https://www.dropbox.com/s/dkvlb0ary46cyjf/Patricia%20Michaels 8.10.20.mp4?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/s/dkvlb0ary46cyjf/Patricia%20Michaels%208.10.20.mp4?dl=0)

PM WATERLILY AT, PALM DESSERT FASHION WEEK SPRING 2015

[Gabriel Mozart Steven Abeyta](#)

<https://vimeo.com/128083497>

PM Waterlily Fashion Show SWAIA Indian Market
by Gabriel Steven Mozart Abeyta

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ez40HlgwjZw>

*alternate link

<http://vimeo.com/28223966>

Summer 2015

Patricia Michaels Daniel Howard Seymour Ayla Parker Mona Bear

Claymo Productions

<https://vimeo.com/106851854>

A Thousand Voices Trailer on YouTube -

<http://youtu.be/Lou GTK1wto>

#1000Voices #SilverBulletProductions #PBS

[Project Runway Season 11 Team Eight Fashion Show, NY Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week](#)

By Maria Esteves - Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week Fall 2013 Project Runway Season
Eleven 16 designers...

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<https://www.facebook.com/patricia.michaels.31/videos/10215965858518659/?t=3>

<https://youtu.be/S5zNLoJ0h80>

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