

## **Elizabeth Roy**

In 2009 Elizabeth Roy was awarded a Public Art Prize from the City of North Vancouver for her sculpture *Launch*. Installed in 2007, *Launch* is situated in residential complex that borders a waterfront site in North Vancouver. It faces disintegrating buildings that once housed shipworks factories. During World War II, its primarily male workforce was dismantled as conscription required men to serve in the armed forces. Their jobs were filled by women who proved more than capable of taking on the work required to repair and build seagoing vessels. In both its proximity to domestic and work spheres and its intent, *Launch* refers to those women and their multiple roles in both spheres.

Elizabeth Roy is currently the Acting Chair of the Foundations area at the University of Manitoba School of Art. She teaches basic design, drawing and printmaking. Roy taught previously at Emily Carr University in Vancouver.