



# Nancy Cottingham Powell

Executive Director  
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## Bio

Nancy's background is steeped in the arts, training to be in front of the lights at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in California, then evolving into behind-the-scenes production during Vancouver's Expo '86. In 1987, along with her husband and partner Ross Powell, she launched Arcadian Productions Inc., an events management company based out of North Vancouver. Through Arcadian, Nancy has worked with a wide variety of events and organizations including: Made in BC – Dance on Tour, MusicFest Vancouver, CelticFest Vancouver, the Pacific Baroque Orchestra, the Pacific National Exhibition, and the Vancouver Symphony Summer Series. She has also worked with visual artist Gordon Halloran in presenting his unique ice painting installations, *Paintings Below Zero*, around the world, representing Canada in two Olympic Cultural Olympiads. She helped found the Sechelt Arts Festival, a multi-disciplinary community arts event on the Sunshine Coast and is currently the executive director of the North Vancouver Community Arts Council. Nancy's passion is supporting artists to help their visions come alive, encouraging innovation, collaboration, and diversity to help build dynamic communities through arts and culture.

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