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Michael Cade

An avid supporter of theatre and dance, Michael recently left his position as Artistic and Managing Director of the Vernon and District Performing Arts Centre to open and run the new Chilliwack Cultural Centre (currently under construction). He has a degree in technical theatre and design from the University of Victoria, and was chosen as British Columbia Presenter of the Year in 2005.

Yvonne Chui

Yvonne is a cultural planner for the City of Port Coquitlam and manages its new dedicated arts facility, Leigh Square Community Arts Village. She has 18 years of experience in the not-for-profit sector in B.C., specifically in visual arts/cultural/heritage organizations. She is involved in revitalization initiatives as a community member and consultant in the Downtown Eastside and Chinatown and serves on the board of Volunteer Vancouver/Vantage Point.

Heather Lundstrom

Heather Lundstrom is on the Board of Directors of Made in BC - Dance on Tour, a project bringing contemporary dance and outreach to communities across B.C. She was President and Artistic Director of the volunteer-run, multi-disciplinary community presenter Kitimat Concert Association for 10 years. Heather is the recipient of the 25th Anniversary Honour in the Arts Award 2004 - Assembly of BC Arts Councils, Citizen of the Year 2002 - Kitimat, and Presenter of the Year 2001 - BC Touring Council. She has served on the Board of the BC Touring Council, as well as other local and regional arts organizations, and networks/ mentors with arts organizations throughout B.C. Heather came to the performing arts via her involvement in the visual arts - with a strong belief that art transforms individuals and communities.

John McLachlan (Chair)

Born and raised in Vancouver, John McLachlan was a touring singer/songwriter for 15 years followed by time spent as an Executive Director of the BC Touring Council and the Creative City Network of Canada. He began studying graphic design and in 2003 started working full-time with his company, Gliss Media, specializing in print and web design for the arts. John also consults and is the coordinator of the Community Presenters Assistance program for the BC Arts Council.

Robb Mowbray

Over the years, Robb's involvement in the Arts has included music, dance, and, most notably, theatre. A member of Nanaimo Theatre Group since 1980, Robb has also been involved in productions or theatre projects with a number of other companies, including TheatreOne and Malaspina Theatre Department at VIU. Robb has served Theatre BC, the provincial arts service organization representing community theatre in B.C., since 1985, first as a Board member for 11 years and then as a staff member



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including serving as its Executive Director for 10 years (1999-2009). Robb worked briefly for TheatreOne, Nanaimo's professional theatre company and since leaving Theatre BC, is working on developing a new professional theatre company in the mid-Island region that will call Nanaimo Centre Stage its home base. Robb played a major role in getting the Nanaimo Centre Stage up and running and considers this one of the key achievements of his career.

George Sipos

George Sipos is Executive Director of ArtSpring, the visual and performing arts centre on Salt Spring Island. Previously he was General Manager of the Prince George Symphony and owned Mosquito Books, an independent bookstore, for 17 years. His second collection of poetry, *The Glassblowers*, will be published in February 2010.

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