

Scott Rowitz is a recognized leader in managing arts, culture, and public assembly facilities. He brings more than 25 years of leadership and management experience in non-profit, for-profit, and public sectors to his role as Executive Director for the Yerba Buena Gardens Conservancy. The Yerba Buena Gardens Conservancy is a civic organization that operates, maintains, and manages the central city blocks of Yerba Buena on behalf of the community and City and County of San Francisco.

Previously, Scott served for ten years as COO and Managing Director at Yerba Buena Center for the Arts—one of the nation's most innovative arts institutions and the cultural anchor in Yerba Buena Gardens—where he oversaw all business, financial, and operational functions.

Scott served as Managing Director for the California Film Institute where he oversaw operations and finance. Scott served as the Executive Director at the Denver Film Society for eight years, providing leadership and oversight for all business and artistic functions. During his tenure there, he quadrupled annual audience attendance, oversaw projects, and growth which dramatically increased the organization's reserves, and created the infrastructure for a development project to create a permanent home for the organization.

Scott has served on the boards of the Yerba Buena Community Benefit District, California Arts Advocates/Californians for the Arts, Scientific Cultural Facilities District Collaborative, and Colorado Festivals and Events Association, among others. He has served as a commissioner for the County of Marin, Cultural Services Commission, and was a community advisor on the Moscone Convention Center expansion project.

Scott earned his MBA in Entrepreneurial Management from the University of Colorado, Denver, and a BA in history from the University of Colorado, Boulder

SUMMARY

Executive leader with proven success leading complex community-based organizations in the government, nonprofit and private sectors. Extensive experience in organizational leadership, community/special districts, arts/cultural, and facility/capital management organizations.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Yerba Buena Gardens Conservancy

Executive Director Sep 2019 – present
Interim Executive Director May 2018 – Sep 2019

Yerba Buena Center for the Arts

Chief Operating Officer Sep 2014 – Dec 2019
Interim Executive Director May 2013 – Sep 2014
Managing Director Jun 2009 – May 2014

California Film Institute

Managing Director Mar 2008 – Jun 2008

Denver Film Society

Executive Director Jun 2001 – Mar 2008

City and County of Denver-Denver Performing Arts Complex

Assistant General Manager Jul 1999 – Jun 2001

Cherry Creek Arts Festival

Operations Director Oct 1995 – Jul 1999

Commercial Recreations Management

Director of Operations Feb 1995 – Oct 1995

BOARD AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

County of Marin, Cultural Services Commission

Commissioner

California Arts Advocates/Californians for the Arts

Board Member

Yerba Buena Community Benefit District

Board Member

Moscone Convention Center-Expansion Project

Community

Advisor/Member

East Cut Community Benefit District

Consultant

Scientific Cultural Facilities District Collaborative

Board Member

Colorado Film Commission

Board Member

Variety International

Board Member

Colorado Festivals and Events Association

Board Member

EDUCATION

Master of Business Administration (MBA) – Entrepreneurial Management - University of Colorado - Denver

Bachelor of Arts (BA), History - University of Colorado - Boulder