



ROBERT L. LYNCH
President and CEO

Robert L. Lynch is president and CEO of Americans for the Arts. With more than 30 years of experience in the arts industry, he is motivated by his personal mission to empower communities and leaders to advance arts and arts appreciation in society.

Under his 25 years of leadership, the services and membership of Americans for the Arts has grown to more than 50 times its original size. He has personally reached audiences in over 1000 locations spanning 49 states and more than a dozen nations, ranging from Native American tribal gatherings to the U.S. Armed Forces in Europe to the President of the United States.

During his tenure at Americans for the Arts, Mr. Lynch has overseen the mergers of the Arts and Business Council, Inc. and the Business Committee for the Arts into Americans for the Arts. He also has created the Americans for the Arts Action Fund and its connected political action committee to engage citizens in advocating for the arts and arts education to ensure arts-friendly public policies.

Prior to Americans for the Arts, Mr. Lynch was the executive director of the National Assembly of Local Arts Agencies for 12 years. While serving in that position, he managed the successful merger of that organization with the American Council for the Arts to form Americans for the Arts in 1996.

Mr. Lynch currently serves on the board of the Craft Emergency Relief Fund, the Arts Extension Institute, and the University of Massachusetts-Amherst College of Humanities and Fine Arts Board. He is a member of the Executive Committee for United Voices for Education and is on the Advisory Council of the National Museum for Children in the Arts.

He earned a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, plays the piano, mandolin and guitar. He lives in Washington, DC.