



**Leslie Channell
Biography**

Leslie Channell serves as the Deputy Director of the Oklahoma Film & Music Office (OF&MO), a position she has held since 2011. Channell works as the Chief of Staff for OF&MO, overseeing the day-to-day operations of the office as well as acting as project manager for major endeavors including event planning for the office's involvement with local and national film and music festivals and conferences. As Deputy Director, she also assists Director Jill Simpson in administering the Oklahoma Film Enhancement Rebate Program and supporting film productions in the state.

Channell has a background in non-profit arts management and after receiving her BA in Musical Theater and Dance, worked in Colorado for ten years as the Assistant Director of a community arts facility housing a theater, gallery space, clay center, arts classrooms and dance studio. She directed and taught for the dance program, training and overseeing 20 instructors and over 300 youth and adult students.

Before moving to Oklahoma, Channell worked as Assistant to the Director of the Jacob Burns Film Center in Pleasantville, NY which presents the best of independent, documentary and world cinema boasting board members that include Steven Spielberg, Ron Howard and Jonathan Demme.

Having worked in all areas of the arts from the box office to the board room, Channell works to ensure that the Oklahoma Film & Music Office is an effective and efficient tool for local, national and international film and music industry members and supporters.