**Portia de Rossi, Gay Actress, Turns Inventor After Retiring from Acting**



**Portia De Rossi is one of the American celebrities that have come out openly as being gay. She was born** Amanda Lee Rogers on 31 January 1973 to an Australian Family in Geelong, Australia. She said she was married to a man, the documentary film-maker Mel Metcalfe, between 1996 and 1999, because she feared being exposed as a lesbian. Moreover, at the time of entering into the marriage, she needed an American green card. She knew the relationship was not right for her, but, it was a marriage of convenience. She is now in a same-sex marriage relationship, since August 2008, with Ellen DeGeneres, an LGBT activist, comedian, actress and television host.



**Portia De Rossi with Ellen DeGeneres**

She says she has had a hard time convincing people she is a lesbian. Evidently, Steven Seagal, must be one of those she failed to convince. She came out recently to accuse Steven Seagal of sexual harassment a couple of years. She claims that in an audition that took place in Seagal's office, "he told me how important it was to have chemistry off-screen as he sat me down and unzipped his leather pants".

Portia De Rossi is an American actress, model and philanthropist. She started her acting career in Australia in 1994 in the role of a young model in the Australian film *Sirens. However* she came into the global limelight when she starred as Nelle Porter between 1998 and 2002 on *Ally McBeal,* an American drama series. The performance earned her a Screen Actors Guild Award.

She is also well known for playing the character Lindsay Bluth Fünke on *Arrested Development*, an American television sitcom that was aired between2003 and 2006 and recently in 2018. She has in the last few years been featured playing a key role on *Scandal,* an American political thriller series that was broadcast from 2014 to 2017.



However, she announced recently, to the surprise of her fans that she would be quitting acting at the end of the 2017 season of *Scandal* to go into business. She is quoted as saying "I am incredibly grateful for my time here at *Scandal.* I will miss playing Elizabeth North but I've made the decision to focus on a business opportunity. Shonda, Betsy and the cast have been incredibly supportive of my decision. I will always love my *Scandal* family. I'll be watching!" She announced she will make her final appearance in the acting profession in the next season of Arrested Development slated to start before the end of May, 2018.



Portia de Rossi is determined to set her hands on a new career as a businesswoman. She has established an art curation and publishing company, *General Public*. She said "I just kind of was wondering is there something that I could tackle now that I've never done before that would be really challenging and different? I kind of knew what acting would look like for me for the next 10, 20 years, so I decided to quit and start a business."

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She says General Public will aim at using advances in technology to reproduce art works that will satisfy the demands of the 21st Century art lover. Portia de Rossi is directing her energies into creative thinking. In association with FujiFilm, she has developed a new technology which she calls Synograph.



**Portia De Rossi at General Public**

De Rossi says Synograph is a 3-D printing technology that is used for achieving “synergy of art and technology.” It is an innovation that captures features such as the the physical texture of each mark and brushstroke in an artwork that older technologies cannot capture. It is also produces cheap and affordable works that will appeal to the general public hence the name of the company. The company was launched last week on Thursday, 10 May 2018 in Los Angeles.