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NESSA JIMENEZ

Vanessa Jimenez was born and raised in Dallas, TX. A graduate from The Art Institute, she has an extensive background in Television and Corporate Productions. She is an award-winning visual artist with over thirteen years of experience producing, editing, shooting videos, taking photographs and building motion graphics.

She has been a proud member of Women In Film Dallas since 2015, and in 2016 she served on the board as P.S.A. Chair. As the Chair, she led the all female crew to produce both Spanish and English versions of the public service announcement for the non-profit organization Alliance For Children, which won a Telly Award under the category, promotional piece not-for-profit.

In her spare time, Vanessa loves to travel, binge watch TV and hiking.

ANINETIE ANTIA-OBONG

Anietie Antia-Obong is a director/producer/writer working in film, television, the web and theatre. Her experience includes videos, commercials and promos for a variety of corporate and non-profit clients. Anietie's awardwinning short, Priyanath, was an audience favorite at filmfests around the world. Her credits include the "Straight Trippin’” travel series (executive producer /director), cable series "Natural Companions" (producer/editor) and "Simply Beautiful" (producer/writer), the PBS- aired documentary "The World of Nat King Cole" (producer) and the documentary short "Queen Mother" (producer/director/writer). Anietie is developing a stage musical, co-written with singer/songwriter/actor Frank Lawson. "The Marriage Squeeze" - her documentary series on love, race, relationships and marriage in the 21st century - is currently in development.

LUISA MENDOZA

Luisa is an award-winning freelance DP. A graduate of both St. Louis University and The Art Institute of Dallas, Luisa started her production career at AMS Pictures in the late 90s where she learned all aspects of production. Her journey from studio camera and lighting to location grip/electric (including Dolly Grip) led her to becoming the in-house First AC for AMS' commercial and high end corporate work. As film transitioned to digital, Luisa was at the perfect place to advance to DP. During her time at AMS, her work won many Telly Awards; her first documentary as DP, “The Power of Harmony: The Story of the Turtle Creek Chorale” won Best Documentary at the USA Film Festival in 2005. She was Senior DP at AMS until going freelance in 2013. Today, she shoots for corporate, broadcast and “reality” clients. Luisa's work has aired on HGTV, DIY, Discovery, ESPN and NFL Network.
DEE L. EVANS

Past WIFD President and board member, Dee Evans, is a writer with a strong production background. She gained her experience primarily on independent features.

SHARIE VANCE

Sharie Vance is a freelance video producer and production designer. She holds a BA in interdisciplinary studies from the University of Texas at Arlington and a MFA in documentary film production from the University of North Texas. Sharie has directed two documentary films, several music videos and was the sound recordist for a documentary shot in India in 2015. Her film, Finding Faulkner, won best student documentary at Thin Line FilmFest in 2015. Her career includes more than 20 years of administrative experience in a variety of industries. Sharie currently teaches at North Lake College where she started her career as a Video Tech student. A native Texas, her main research interests are artists, music, subcultures and feminism.