About Argelis V. Wesley

Argelis V. Wesley was born and raised in Panama.  A tourist destination, transit country as well as financial center for Latin America where cultural traditions convene from all over the world. Argelis’ childhood was influenced by cinema. She lived very close to three movie theaters. Her mother took her to watch Disney films with fascinating animations,  Asian martial arts movies, Mexican movies with Cantiflas, and European feature films where she appreciated images and landscapes or captivating Hollywood musicals. Her passion for cinema arose from that point on. Every time when she watches the silver screen, her body travels to magical and far away places.

Argelis holds a bachelor degree in Advertising from the University of Panama. Through a scholarship, she obtained her Master's Degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Marketing from the Interamerican University of Panama. Her professional career has developed by working in banking, maritime transportation, tourism, and financial industry.

She has lived in the United States for fifteen years. Argelis recognizes that the United States is a country with a wide racial and ethnic diversity. Having lived in Latin America and the United States, has made her aware of the lack of understanding about the Afro-Latin identity. The cinema is the perfect vehicle to close gaps, appreciate the Afro-Latin identity and cultural heritage. She hopes that movie lovers will know the true story and success of Latinos of African descent in Latin America and the United States.

Argelis hopes to bring her passion for film diversity, management and event planning. This commitment was demonstrated at the Theatre Guild of Ancon, where she worked successfully with accomplished film directors and actors. Argelis is thrilled to be part of the Latino Film Market whose staff members, participants, and volunteers are as passionate about LFM’s mission as she is.

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