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626 NIGHT MARKET
PRESENTED BY JEN JU & DORA QUACH

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OCA-GLA Rising Star Award
Jenny Yang

Jenny Yang is a writer, stand-up comedian, the producer of the first-ever (mostly) female, Asian American standup comedy tour, Dis/orient/ed Comedy, and the force behind viral BuzzFeed videos "If Asians Said the Stuff White People Say" (which has over 9 million views) and the "Ask An Asian" video series. In 2015, she produced the first-annual The Comedy Comedy Festival: A Comedy Festival, an Asian American comedy festival featuring the best emerging and veteran standup, sketch, improv and writing talent. Jenny has independently produced nearly forty live, standup comedy shows since July 2012, successfully selling out theaters and comedy venues throughout the country. Her work and commentary have appeared in media outlets including NPR, NBC News, BBC News, Al Jazeera America, Pivot TV's Take Part Live, Bitch Magazine, Colorlines, Racialicious, AdWeek, and AngryAsianMan.com. Dubbed one of LA's "most fascinating people of 2015," Jenny brilliantly melds social commentary and high-energy entertainment, educating us, inspiring us, and most importantly, giving us a reason to laugh.

OCA-GLA Business Impact Award
626 Night Market

Inspired by the night markets of Asia, 626 Night Market is the original and largest Asian-themed night market in the U.S. Originally on one street block in Pasadena in 2012, 626 Night Market has found its new home at Santa Anita Park, spread to the OC and Downtown LA, and spawned others across the country. It now averages over 80,000 people per event and features hundreds of food, merchandise, crafts, arts, games, music, and entertainment attractions in one jam-packed week-end of festivities that appeals to all ages. 626 Night Market has combined the best of the 626 and Greater Los Angeles, united and empowered the community by serving as a platform for showcasing local entrepreneurs, businesses, artists, and talent, and of course, given us another reason to eat and to celebrate the Asian Pacific American community with a large cup of boba.

OCA-GLA Trailblazer Award
California State Controller Betty T. Yee

Only the tenth woman in California history to be elected to statewide office, Betty T. Yee was sworn in as State Controller in January 2015. As the Golden State's chief fiscal officer, she is responsible for crucial accounting, auditing, disbursement, and other fiscal oversight and reporting for the seventh largest economy in the world. Betty has long been committed to supporting women and others from diverse communities who pursue careers in public service. She has volunteered for organizations that provide leadership training and mentoring including the National Women's Political Caucus, California Women Lead, Emerge California, EMILY's List, and the Women's Caucus of the California Democratic Party. Betty also cofounded the Asian Pacific Youth Leadership Project to expose California high school youth to the public service, public policy, and political arenas.