

# Janet Yang

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## Biography

An Emmy and Golden Globe Award-winning Hollywood producer, Janet Yang is currently the President of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Yang's extensive film and television credits include *The Joy Luck Club*, *The People vs. Larry Flynt*, *The Weight of Water*, *Shanghai Calling*, *High Crimes*, *Zero Effect*, and the Academy Award-nominated animated feature *Over the Moon*. Yang began her career by running the first distribution company to market Chinese films into North America. She also brokered the reintroduction of American studio films to the Chinese marketplace after a decades-long hiatus. This in turn led to joining Steven Spielberg on the historic production of *Empire of the Sun*. This was followed by a long-term partnership with multiple Academy-Award winning writer/director, Oliver Stone. Yang has been named one of the "50 Most Powerful Women in Hollywood" by the Hollywood Reporter. Committed to fostering global understanding, Yang is a co-founder of Gold House, the non-profit collective of influential Asian cultural leaders; a long-standing member of the Committee of 100, an organization of the most prominent Chinese-Americans; and an advisory board member of Asia Society Southern California where she also chairs its highly regarded US-Asia Entertainment Summit. Yang has been featured in *The New York Times*, *LA Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *Bloomberg*, *Variety*, *South China Morning Post*, *Harper's Bazaar*, as well as on numerous television and radio shows across the US and Asia such as NPR, CCTV and Beijing TV. She is frequently asked to consult on projects and sought after for public speaking engagements. Yang is the first Asian American to have a pillar dedicated to her inside the Renzo Piano- designed Academy Museum of Motion Pictures. Fluent in Mandarin Chinese, Yang holds a B.A. from Brown University in Chinese studies and an M.B.A. from Columbia University. She was appointed as a Presidential Fellow at Loyola Marymount University and recently awarded an Honorary Doctorate degree in Humane Letters from Bowdoin College. For more information, please visit: [www.janetyang.com](http://www.janetyang.com)

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## Areas of Expertise

Film and Television Producing, Film and Television Development, Business of Entertainment, Asian-Americans in Entertainment, Asian Cinema, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

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## Affiliations

Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences, Gold House, Asia Society, Committee of 100

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## Education

**Columbia University**  
M.B.A. Business Administration

**Brown University**  
B.A. International Relations

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## **Accomplishments**

### **Golden Globe Award; Emmy Award**

Golden Globe for Best Television Motion Picture?Indictment: The McMartin Trial (1996) Emmy for Outstanding Made For Television Movie?Indictment: The McMartin Trial (1995)

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