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## **Laugh to Feel Good and to Do Good The Disoriented Comedy Show Returns for April Fools**

**Fresno, CA:** The Disoriented Comedy Show is returning to Fresno on April 1<sup>st</sup> at Tower Theatre. This all-female Asian American comedy show will showcase comedians from different Asian cultures and will include new hilarious jaw dropping material. The proceeds of the event will go to the Central California Asian Pacific Women (CCAPW) scholarship and leadership development programs benefitting Asian American women in the Central Valley.

CCAPW is hosting the Comedy Show for a third year, after selling out shows in 2014 and 2015. CCAPW produced over \$11,000 in proceeds from past shows. The proceeds were used to fund undergraduate and graduate scholarships for local Asian American women who were first generation students, showed high academic achievement and leadership and contributed to the API community. This year CCAPW hopes to raise even funds than in years past.

CCAPW is presenting the Disoriented Comedy show in Fresno to not only showcase talented Asian American females who are breaking stereotypes, but also to show young women that they have the power to find their voices through the arts.

Disoriented Comedy features the fresh voices of diverse comics not often seen in mainstream comedy venues. The highly accomplished comedians in this year's line-up are (See attached comedian bios):

Jenny Yang (Showtime, BuzzFeed, ISAtv)  
Kat Evasco (Mommy Queerest, Youth Speaks)  
Shanti Charan (Mixing Masala, SF Bay Guardian's 2016 Comic to Watch)

Musical guests, Priska and the Paradise Band featuring Phong Yang and Long Her will perform during the show.

Doors open at 6 p.m. for VIP ticket holders who will have the opportunity to attend a reception to meet the comedians. General admission starts at 7 p.m. General admission ticket prices are \$25 presale or \$35 at the door. VIP tickets are \$50 presale or \$60 at the door. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.towertheatrefresno.com](http://www.towertheatrefresno.com) and [www.ccapw.org](http://www.ccapw.org) or at the Tower Theatre box office.

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“Many of the young women who receive our scholarships are the first generation of their families to go to college or graduate school. We wanted to have a fun event to bring awareness and raise funds for our scholarship programs. What better way to do that, than through comedy. Due to the success we have had over the last few years, we knew we wanted to continue this year by partnering with Disoriented Comedy again,” said Gena Lew Gong, President of Central California Asian Women (CCAPW)

“Disoriented Comedy creates a platform for Asian American female comics to tour the United States. The response to Disoriented Comedy in the Central Valley has been phenomenal; we have sold out almost every show. We are excited to come to the Central Valley again,” said Jenny Yang, Founding Co-Producer and Director of Disoriented Comedy

### **About the organizations**

Central California Asian Pacific Women is a 501c3 nonprofit organization with a mission to empower Asian Pacific Islander women in the Central Valley. Since its inception, CCAPW has granted nearly \$175,000 in scholarships and has served as a convener of the pan-Asian community on issues such as education, voting trends, and domestic violence awareness/prevention.

CCAPW will be hosting their 2017 Scholarship Gala on June 22, 2017, where they will be awarding undergraduate and graduate students with educational scholarships. This year, CCAPW will be honoring students with the first State Center Community College Foundation Scholarship. For more information on applying for a scholarship, visit [www.ccapw.org](http://www.ccapw.org).

Disoriented Comedy is the first-ever nationally-touring stand-up comedy showcase that features the fresh and diverse voices of Asian American female-identified comics. Since its debut in July of 2012, this national network of veteran and up-and-coming comedians have performed in hundreds of independently-produced comedy and storytelling shows at comedy clubs, theaters, colleges and universities. The tour was created by Los Angeles-raised Atsuko Okatsuka and Jenny Yang, and Seattle-based founding co-producer Yola Lu. The tour’s focus is on showcasing Asian American female comics covering unique topics like race, sexuality and gender.

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