SPIRIT of ASIAN AMERICA GALA
Previous Award Recipients

2012 – SPIRIT OF ASIAN AMERICA

David L. Cohen
Executive Vice President, Comcast Corporation

SungEun Han-Andersen
Founder & President, The G. Chris Andersen Family Foundation

Khee Lee
Head of Agency Business Development, Google New York

Anderson Cooper
Host & Executive Producer, “Anderson”, Warner Bros. Domestic Television Distribution

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2011 – SPIRIT OF ASIAN AMERICA

Linda Lam
Managing Partner, Northeast Sub-Area Assurance, Ernst & Young LLP

Yong Hwa Ha
President, Solomon Agency Corporation
President, Korean American Association of Greater New York

Judge Judith Sheindlin
Presiding Judge, Judge Judy, CBS Television Distribution

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2010 – SPIRIT OF ASIAN AMERICA

Don H. Liu
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, Xerox Corporation

Robert Yi
Senior Vice President, Northeast Zone, State Farm

Mehmet C. Oz, MD
Host of The Dr. Oz Show and Vice-Chair and Professor of Surgery, Columbia University

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2009 – SPIRIT OF ASIAN AMERICA

Yung Duk Kim, Ph.D.
President & CEO, Hyundai Corporation (USA) (Retired)

Irene Y. Hirano Inouye
Executive Advisor, Japanese American National Museum

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2008 – SPIRIT OF ASIAN AMERICA

Wayne Winborne
Vice President, Business Diversity, Prudential Financial

David Ng,
Executive Editor, New York Daily News

Jacques d’Amboise
Founder, National Dance Institute

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2007 – SPIRIT OF ASIAN AMERICA

Arvind Raghunathan
Managing Director and Head of Global Arbitrage, Deutsche Bank

Sung-Joo Kim
Chairperson, MCM Worldwide

Farooq Kathwari
Chairman, President and CEO, Ethan Allen Interiors Inc.

Haruko Smith
Founder and Chairperson, September Concert Foundation

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2006 – SPIRIT OF ASIAN AMERICA

Dinyar S. Devitre
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Altria Group, Inc.

Dow Kim
Executive Vice President, Merrill Lynch

Gina Lin Chu
Philanthropist

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2005 – SPIRIT OF ASIAN AMERICA

Chan Suh
*Founder and CEO, Agency.com*

Dr. C. J. Huang
*Founder, C.J. Huang Foundation*

Dr. Jeanette Takamura
*Dean, Columbia University School of Social Work*

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2004 – SPIRIT OF ASIAN AMERICA

Andrea Jung
*Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Avon Products, Inc.*

Dr. Navin C. Mehta
*Otorhinolaryngologist, New York Eye and Ear Infirmary*

Lolita B. Compass
*President, New York State Nurses Association*

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2003 – SPIRIT OF ASIAN AMERICA

Ralph Dickerson, Jr.
*President, United Way of New York City*

Mallika Dutt
*Executive Director, Breakthrough: Building Human Rights Culture*

David Henry Hwang
*Playwright*

Anthony D. Romero
*Executive Director, American Civil Liberties Union*

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2002 – RECOVERY & REBUILDING AFTER SEPTEMBER 11TH

Taiwan Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation, USA

Tran Dinh Truong
*Proprietor, Hotel Carter*

William Volckhausen, Esq.
*Board Trustee, Asian American Federation of New York*

Andrew Yoon
*Proprietor, Variety Café*

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2001 – MEDIA

Diosdado Banatao  
*CEO, Tallwood Venture Capital*

Chris Lee  
*President, Chris Lee Productions*

Jeannie Park  
*Executive Editor, InStyle Magazine*

Midori Shimanouchi Lederer  
*Board Trustee, Asian American Federation of New York*

Dennis Swanson  
*President & General Manager, WNBC-TV  
Co, Chair, NBC Olympics*

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2000 – LEADERSHIP, CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION

Eliot Kang  
*President & CEO, Kang & Lee Advertising*

Setsuko Matsunaga Nishi  
*Board Trustee, Asian American Federation of New York*

Loida Nicolas Lewis  
*Chairman and CEO, TLC Beatrice International*

Joseph Park  
*Co-Founder, Chairman &CEO, Kozmo.com*

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1999 – PHILANTHROPY

Chong-Moon Lee  
*The Chong-Moon Lee Foundation*

Yoko Ono Lennon  
*Spirit Foundation*

Francis Y. Sogi  
*The Sarah and Francis Sogi Smithsonian/Hawai’i Fellow Scholarship*

Oscar L. Tang  
*The Tang Fund*

The Yanong Family

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1998 – PUBLISHING

Jeanette Chang
*Vice President and Publisher, Harper’s Bazaar*

Gene Marcial
*Senior Writer, Business Week*

Karen Wada
*Senior Editor, Los Angeles Times*

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1997 – SPORTS

Amy Chow
*Gymnastics*

Dee Hamaguchi
*Martial Arts*

Kevin Han
*Badminton*

Sammy Lee
*Diving*

Elizabeth Punsalan
*Skating*

Kristi Yamaguchi
*Skating*

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1996 – FINANCE

Joanne de Asis
*Founder & Chair, Asia Pacific Capital Partners*

Sam Chung
*President & CEO, Broadway National Bank*

Lilia C. Clemente
*Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Clemente Capital*

Seiki Murono
*Murono Financial Consulting*

Theodore P. Shen
*Chair of the Capital Markets Group (now retired), Donaldson Lufkin & Jenrette*

Paul Allen Wan
*IBJ Schroder Bank & Trust Company*

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1995 – FASHION DESIGN

Troa Cho
Han Feng
Hanae Mori
Josie Natori
Anna Sui
Vivienne Tam
Yeohlee Tang
Zang Toi
Vera Wang