Meari Collective to Host KONNECT Vol.1, an Immigration and Tax Information Event for Korean Artists in NYC

November 21 at NOFLEX NYC in Manhattan — Featuring Expert Discussions, Q&A, and Networking Opportunities

NEW YORK, NY — Meari Collective, a New York-based Korean cultural organization, will host KONNECT Vol.1 in collaboration with Korea Reframed on Saturday, November 21, 2026, at NOFLEX NYC in Manhattan. The event will bring together Korean artists and creative professionals for discussions on artist visas, tax obligations, and the practical challenges of building a creative career in the United States.

For artists working in the U.S., sustaining a creative practice often involves navigating immigration requirements, income reporting, and other administrative responsibilities. Freelancers and independent artists, in particular, may face challenges finding reliable information and knowing where to seek professional guidance.

KONNECT Vol.1 was created to help address these concerns by connecting Korean artists with immigration and tax professionals. Conducted in Korean, the event will offer practical information on relevant legal and tax topics, along with opportunities for attendees to ask questions directly.

Immigration attorney John Lee will discuss O-1 and P visa categories relevant to artists, including key eligibility requirements and considerations when preparing an application.

Julie Park of JP Accounting & Tax Services will cover tax topics relevant to freelancers and independent creatives, including reporting 1099 income, deducting business expenses, and Foreign Bank Account Reporting (FBAR) requirements.

The discussion will be moderated by **Yosef Lee, an attorney and representative of Korea Reframed**. Following the presentations and Q&A session, attendees will have the opportunity to connect with fellow artists and creative professionals, exchange experiences, and build professional relationships.

Through KONNECT Vol.1, Meari Collective is expanding its programming beyond cultural events to address the practical needs of Korean artists in New York. The initiative aims to make

useful information more accessible while creating opportunities for connection and collaboration within the creative community.

Event Details

- **Event:** KONNECT Vol.1 — Connecting Artists & Professionals
- **Date:** Saturday, November 21, 2026
- **Time:** 1:00–4:00 PM (Doors open at 1:00 PM; program begins at 1:30 PM)
- **Venue:** NOFLEX NYC, 286 5th Ave, New York, NY
- **Admission:** $35 (includes one drink)
- **Early Bird:** 10% off through November 8
- **Language:** Korean
- **Co-hosted by:** Meari Collective and Korea Reframed
- **Registration:** https://luma.com/maw3i5q3?utm_source=press
- **Inquiries:** hello@mearicollective.com

About Meari Collective

Meari Collective is a New York-based cultural organization dedicated to introducing traditional and contemporary Korean culture through artistic and community experiences.

Since July 2026, the collective has presented its MEARI NORI series, combining traditional Korean music, contemporary dance, and Korean cuisine. Its programming has also included a sound bath featuring live traditional Korean instruments, kimchi-making workshops, and other participatory cultural events.

Through its programming, Meari Collective seeks to share Korean culture and create spaces where people from different backgrounds can connect through art and shared cultural experiences.

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