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Oliver Wang, Pop Culture & Music Writer & Professor of Sociology

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Lilly Wei, Art Critic, Independent Curator, & Journalist

Lilly Wei is a New York-based art critic, independent curator and journalist whose interest is global contemporary art. A few recent projects focusing on Asian artists include an essay for the catalogue for Maya Lin’s exhibition Ghost Forest at Madison Square Park, an article on Matthew Wong for Studio International, and a solo exhibition for Xiaojing Yan at the non-profit 486 Gallery (Chinese American Arts Council) in New York.

Susan Yung, Freelance Dance and Art Writer & Former Associate Director at Brooklyn Academy of Music

Susan Yung is a writer and editor living in Columbia County. For more than two decades, she lived in New York City and worked at BAM (Brooklyn Academy of Music), most recently as associate director of editorial. In that capacity, she oversaw editorial publications, and was co-editor of the book BAM: The Next Wave, associate editor for BAM: The Complete Works, and contributed to both volumes. Prior to BAM, she was director of publicity at Ronald Feldman Fine Arts in Soho. A native of Connecticut and a graduate of Colgate University, she has written freelance for many years, primarily about dance and art. Outlets have included Brooklyn Rail, Dance Magazine, Village Voice, WNET/Sunday Arts blog, and Ephemeralist.com. She is currently a marketing consultant at Hudson Hall in Hudson, NY.