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Name in Pinyin: Yú Línmǐn
Gender: Female
Birth Year: 1966
Birth Place: Palo Alto, California
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Profession (s): Film Producer, Director, Writer, Editor

Education: Bachelor of Arts, English, 1987, Yale University

Awards: 2004, Best Documentary Film Feature, "In the Realms of the Unreal," Ojai Film Festival; 1997, Asian Media Award, Asian American International Film Festival; 1996, Academy Award for Best Short Documentary, "Breathing Lessons: The Life and Work of Mark O'Brien," Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences; 1995, Academy Award for Best Documentary, "Maya Lin - A Strong Clear Vision" - Associate Producer, Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences; 1991, Member, NCAA Women's Fencing All-Decade Team.

Contribution (s): Jessica Yu always credits her parents for encouraging her to pursue her interest in a creative arts career in filmmaking rather than the stereotypical lawyer/doctor choice of many Chinese American parents. After her graduation from Yale she started doing production work in the San Francisco Bay Area, mostly on commercials. She moved to bigger productions in Los Angeles making short films. Her 1993 short "Sour Death Balls" was followed by "Home Base: A Chinatown Called Heinlerville," "Iron Silk," and "Men of Reenaction." She was the associate producer on the Oscar-nominated, "Rose Kennedy: A Life to Remember" and the 1995 Academy Award winner, Maya Lin: A Strong Clear Vision. Her breakthrough film was the 1996, "Breathing Lessons: The Life and Work of Mark O'Brien" which won the 1997 Award for Best Short Documentary. After this came work directing episodes of such famous TV series as "ER," "The West Wing," and "Grey's Anatomy" among other TV projects. In addition, Yu has worked on more films, including 2007's "The Protagonist," based upon the works of Euripides, the Ancient Greek tragedian, and 2008's "Ping Pong Playa," an Asian American comedy.

External Links:

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