

Artist Statement:

As a Chinese-American born and raised in NYC, it is heartbreaking and scary to see people who look like me attacked for being Asian. This is the same community of Asian-Americans and immigrants who helped shaped the NYC culture around us through small businesses like family-owned restaurants, bakeries, local 99-cent stores, and your favorite Chinese take-out place. This design alludes to one of the iconic plastic thank-you bags found in New York's Chinatown. Its message was inspired by a protest sign at the rally against Asian hate held in Columbus Park, Chinatown, on March 21st, 2021. Right now, it is so important to boost Asian voices, listen to their stories, join rallies, and educate oneself.