## Artist statement:

I chose this photograph because, in this past year, I have taken the time to celebrate and embrace myself, my face and body image, and how I appear under my camera's lens. I often include the equipment or the behind-the-scenes tools in my photography to showcase my power in the image-making process. In this picture, particularly, I found myself holding a powerful pose while interacting with the lighting equipment, breaking the traditional frame. I submit this hoping that it will empower other Asian women to be confident of their imagery and take dominance in their art-making process.