



SHORT BIO (207 words)

Julia M. Usher is a world-renowned sugar artist most recognized for her pioneering work in 3-D cookies. She is also the author of two books, 13 e-books, and an app, all about cookie decorating. When not spreading her love for cookie art in classes across the globe or online, Julia produces videos for her popular YouTube channel, [Recipes for a Sweet Life](#); oversees [Cookie Connection](#)[™], the world's largest online cookie decorating community; designs cookie stencils sold under her "JULIA" brand; and manages *Julia M. Usher's Cookie Art Competition*[™], which was recently filmed for a Food Network documentary. Julia is Past President of the International Association of Culinary Professionals and has received multiple food writing, decorating, and video awards, including James Beard Food Writing Award finalist (2008), Cordon d' Or Food Writing Award winner (2009), *Cake Masters Magazine* Cookie Award winner (2013), Oklahoma State Sugar Art Show (OSSAS) Medal of Honor (2014), both Edible Artists Global Academy Association (EAGAA) US and International Sugar Artist of the Year Awards (2016), *Cake Masters Magazine* Cookie Icon (2017), TASTE Breakout Foodie of the Year (2019), and Best Online Cookie Decorating Classes from *The Spruce Eats* (2020). But above all else, Julia is a firm believer that life should be lived sweetly!

MINI BIO (139 words)

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