



### SHORT BIO (267 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 and [website](#); oversees [Cookie Connection](#)<sup>™</sup>, the world's largest online cookie decorating community; designs cookie stencils and cutters under her JULIA brand; and manages *Julia M. Usher's Cookie Art Competition*<sup>™</sup>, which was filmed in 2019 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 (2018), TASTE Breakout Foodie of the Year (2019), and Best Online Cookie Decorating Classes from *The Spruce Eats* (2020). She is also a two-time Global Sugar Hero finalist in the Australian Cake Artists & Decorators Association (ACADA) annual Cake Oscar Awards (2021/2022), and a 2023 finalist in the global Positive Leadership Awards for her impact on the cookie arts community. Most recently, Julia launched a series of licensed 3-D cookie decorating courses in Asian markets with the world-renowned Japan Salonaise Association. Her favorite mantra is "live sweetly", which she urges everyone to do every day!

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