

Resume

Hui Liu

Traditional Chinese Sugar Painting Artist | Violin teacher
Location: Manhattan, New York, United States
Years of Experience: 40+ years

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Professional Profile

Hui Liu is a master practitioner of traditional Chinese sugar painting, and a violin teacher recognized form of Chinese intangible cultural heritage. Originally from China, she has over forty years of experience in music education and folk art practice. After immigrating to the United States three years ago, she settled in New York, where she continues to actively pursue her artistic career and cultural work.

Currently, Hui Liu teaches violin to children and young students while also serving as a core artist with Lina Liu Artist Group, presenting live sugar painting performances and cultural demonstrations. Through her work, she is dedicated to promoting cross-cultural understanding and artistic exchange between Eastern and Western traditions.

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Artistic Practice & Selected Engagements

- Invited for two consecutive years to participate in the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) official Halloween “Trick or Treat” events, creating live, themed sugar paintings for families and children, integrating traditional Chinese craftsmanship into mainstream American celebrations.
- Participant in Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month 2024, including the New York City government—hosted program DCAS Talks: Chinese Lunar New Year 2024, where she presented sugar painting demonstrations and cultural sharing.
- Served as a special guest artist for Lunar New Year celebrations at Bloomingdale’s and Louis Vuitton (LV) stores, providing live sugar painting performances and customized thematic works for commercial and public audiences.
- Actively involved in U.S. walking festivals and related charitable and community-based events, contributing her art to support public welfare and community engagement initiatives.

• Has participated in cultural events across the United States, collaborating with government agencies, NBA–related cultural programs, schools, community organizations, and large–scale public festivals.

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Artistic Style & Innovation

While deeply rooted in traditional Chinese sugar painting techniques, Hui Liu continuously explores innovation by blending Eastern craftsmanship with Western cultural elements. She has developed a distinctive performance style that adapts traditional themes to contemporary cultural contexts.

Her work can be seen not only during Lunar New Year and AAPI cultural celebrations, but also during Western holidays such as Christmas and Halloween, where she creates festive, child–friendly themed sugar paintings that resonate with diverse audiences.

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Notable Projects & Recognition

• Honored to be invited to create sugar painting artwork for Disneyland's Lunar New Year—themed project, contributing to themed visual and film production content.
• Frequently invited as a representative of traditional Chinese folk art for official cultural festivals and public arts programs.

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Future Vision

Hui Liu deeply enjoys the art of sugar painting and plans to systematically teach this traditional craft in the United States. Her goal is to preserve and pass on this valuable intangible cultural heritage across generations, allowing it to take root and flourish within a multicultural society while contributing a unique Eastern artistic voice.