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Pillsbury Bakers' Plus Grand Champion Creative Decorating Competition Winners Announced at IBIE in Las Vegas

Six teams of professional bakers competed over two days for over \$12,000 in cash prizes in contest sponsored by General Mills Foodservice.

<u>General Mills Foodservice</u> is proud to have partnered with the <u>Retail Bakers of America</u> (RBA) for the 18th Annual Pillsbury™ Bakers' Plus Grand Champion Creative Decorating Competition, one of the baking industry's most prestigious competitions for professional bakers. This year's finale, which featured six two–person teams, was held September 8-9 during <u>International Baking Industry Expo</u> in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The Pillsbury Bakers' Plus Grand Champion Creative Decorating Competition calls on professional cake decorators and pastry chefs to showcase their creativity, imagination, artistry and skills in three categories: wedding cake, rolled fondant cake and sculpted cake. The 2019 finalists were chosen to compete by either winning a regional competition or via portfolio submission. It was a grueling two days of competition, but our professional decorating teams knocked it out of the park. Congratulations to them all on a job well done.

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Naming Sponsor - General Mills/Pillsbury CakeDeco Satin Ice Qualisoy American Cake Decorating Magazine

Thank you to our 2019 Judges... Nicolas Lodge, Jorg Amsler, and Bronwen Weber

Thank you to our 2019 Contest Chairperson... Gail Kollman, CMB, CD

Fondant Category - Sponsored by Satin Ice

3rd Place Winning Team - Jen Barney & Jessica Miller, Meringue Bakery, Stoddard, WI 2nd Place Winning Team - Elizabeth Balderaz & Angela Negron, Faux Cakes and Rentals, Houston, TX 1st Place Winning Team - Andres Enciso & Banny Ayarza, Awesome Edible Art, Tampa, FL



Sculpted Category - Sponsored by American Cake Decorating Magazine

3rd Place Winning Team - Justine Martin & Josee Frappier, Guilty Pleasures Bakeshop + Bar, Sudbury, ON 2nd Place Winning Team - Andres Enciso & Banny Ayarza, Awesome Edible Art, Tampa, FL 1st Place Winning Team - Robbyn Yuen & Ashley Spitzer, Creative Cakes Bakery, Tinley Park, IL



Buttercream Category - Sponsored by Qualisoy

3rd Place Winning Team - Jen Barney & Jessica Miller, Meringue Bakery, Stoddard, WI

2nd Place Winning Team - Robyn Hanisch & Wanda Munoz-Jovet, Hanisch Bakery and Coffee Shop, Red Wing, MN 1st Place Winning Team - Robbyn Yuen & Ashley Spitzer, Creative Cakes Bakery, Tinley Park, IL



Wedding Category - Sponsored by CakeDeco

3rd Place Winning Team - Robyn Hanisch & Wanda Munoz-Jovet, Hanisch Bakery and Coffee Shop, Red Wing, MN 2nd Place Winning Team - Robbyn Yuen & Ashley Spitzer, Creative Cakes Bakery, Tinley Park, IL 1st Place Winning Team - Andres Enciso & Banny Ayarza, Awesome Edible Art, Tampa, FL



Overall Winners - Sponsored by Pillsbury

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Robbyn Yuen & Ashley Spitzer Creative Cakes in Tinley Park, IL, <u>https://www.creativecakesbakery.com/</u>, Online Portfolio

Elizabeth Balderaz & Angela Negron Faux Cakes and Rentals in Houston, Texas, <u>https://www.facebook.com/FauxCakesHtx/</u>, Online Portfolio

Justine Martin & Josée Frappier Guilty Pleasures Bakeshop + Bar in Sudbury, ON, <u>https://gpbakeshopbar.ca</u>, Online Portfolio

Andres Enciso & Banny Ayarza Awesome Edible Art in Tampa, Fl, <u>http://www.awesome-edibleart.com/</u>, Online Portfolio

Jen Barney & Jessica Miller Meringue Bakery in Stoddard, WI, <u>http://meringuecakes.com/</u>, Wisconsin Bakery Association

Robyn Hanisch & Wanda Munoz-Jovet Denny's 5th.Ave Bakery in Red Wing, MN, <u>https://dennysbakery.com/</u>, Upper Midwest Bakery Association

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