

# **Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2024**

## **The 100% Unofficial Quick Guide**

**for  
Commentators, Broadcasters, Media, & Fans**

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## Introduction

Welcome to the Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2024, the 22nd edition of the competition that has run annually since 2003. Acts from seventeen nations will be taking to the stage in Madrid on Saturday, November 16th, for an incredible spectacle of music, culture, and language.

The theme for this year's event, "Let's Bloom", as well as the floral themes that will be visible throughout the program, highlights the blossoming creativity of these talented young performers, ranging in age from nine to fourteen. From impassioned pleas for peace and environmental justice to upbeat production numbers all about the joy of music and a touching ballad about one singer's own adoption journey, there will be something for everyone at La Caja Mágica this year.

This guidebook gives you the key facts and figures for the songs you need before the show. Listing former winners, the historical track records of the different countries and all of the essential information on this year's entrants, feel free to use this guide as a second-screen resource.

Many thanks, and we hope you enjoy the 2024 Junior Eurovision Song Contest as much as we will.

Samantha Ross,  
Editor.

## Junior Eurovision Results History

Year	Host City & Country	Winning Country	Song	Singer	Runner up
2003	Copenhagen, Denmark	Croatia	<i>Ti si moja prva ljubav</i>	Dino Jelušić	Spain
2004	Lillehammer, Norway	Spain	<i>Antes muerta que sencilla</i>	María Isabel	UK
2005	Hasselt, Belgium	Belarus	<i>My vmeste</i>	Ksenia Sitnik	Spain
2006	Bucharest, Romania	Russia	<i>Vesenniy Jazz</i>	Tolmachevy Sisters	Belarus
2007	Rotterdam, Netherlands	Belarus	<i>S druz'yami</i>	Alexey Zhigalkovich	Armenia
2008	Limassol, Cyprus	Georgia	<i>Bzz</i>	Bzikebi	Ukraine
2009	Kyiv, Ukraine	Netherlands	<i>Click Clack</i>	Ralf Mackenbach	Armenia/Russia
2010	Minsk, Belarus	Armenia	<i>Mama</i>	Vladimir Arzumanyan	Russia
2011	Yerevan, Armenia	Georgia	<i>Candy Music</i>	CANDY	Netherlands
2012	Amsterdam, Netherlands	Ukraine	<i>Nebo</i>	Anastasiya Petryk	Georgia
2013	Kyiv, Ukraine	Malta	<i>The Start</i>	Gaia Cauchi	Ukraine
2014	Marsa, Malta	Italy	<i>Tu primo grande amore</i>	Vincenzo Cantiello	Bulgaria
2015	Sofia, Bulgaria	Malta	<i>Not My Soul</i>	Destiny Chukunyere	Armenia
2016	Valletta, Malta	Georgia	<i>Mzeo</i>	Mariam Mamadashvili	Armenia
2017	Tbilisi, Georgia	Russia	<i>Wings</i>	Polina Bogusevich	Georgia
2018	Minsk, Belarus	Poland	<i>Anyone I Want To Be</i>	Roksana Węgiel	France
2019	Gliwice, Poland	Poland	<i>Superhero</i>	Viki Gabor	Kazakhstan
2020	Warsaw, Poland	France	<i>J'Imagine</i>	Valentina	Kazakhstan
2021	Paris, France	Armenia	<i>Qami Qami</i>	Maléna	Poland
2022	Yerevan, Armenia	France	<i>Oh Maman!</i>	Lissandro	Armenia
2021	Nice, France	France	<i>Cœur</i>	Zoé Clazure	Spain
2024	Madrid, Spain				

## Differences between Junior Eurovision and Eurovision

The Contest has been through many changes over the years. While there are similarities between the Eurovision Song Contest (ESC) and Junior Eurovision Song Contest (JESC), there are some very distinct differences too:

- Junior Eurovision host nations are selected via a bidding system, rather than automatically awarding hosting duties to the previous year's winner. While the winning nation does tend to get the "right of first refusal", this year's host nation, Spain, is hosting after last year's winning nation, France, declined to bid.
- The song must be sung in any of the country's national languages, although up to 40% of the lyrics are allowed to be in another language.
- Junior Eurovision's score is tabulated by a combination of national juries and an online public vote open to viewers from around the globe.

## Participation

Active member broadcasters of the European Broadcasting Union are permitted to take part in the contest. However, the show has been screened in several non-participating countries, and contest participation may be extended to Associate Members on an invitation-only basis, as in the past cases of Australia and Kazakhstan.

Out of the forty-one countries that have participated at least once, only one country – The Netherlands – has competed in every Junior Eurovision so far. As of 2024, Georgia and France are the most successful nations at the Junior Eurovision Song Contest with three wins each. Armenia, Malta, and Poland have all won twice, and Belarus and Russia, which no longer participate in the Contest, also had two victories each during their years of participation.

## 2024 Host Venue: Caja Mágica, Madrid, Spain

Also known as the Manzanares Park Tennis Center, the Caja Mágica (Spanish for “Magic Box”) is a multi-purpose sports facility known best as the home of the Madrid Open. It has a maximum capacity of over 12,000, plus a pair of other courts that can hold an additional 6,000 people. Opened in 2009, the venue has hosted the MTV Europe Music Awards in 2010, the Men’s Handball World Championship in 2013, and the Davis Cup in 2019.

## 2024 Hosts

### Ruth Lorenzo

Well known to Eurovision fans, Ruth is best known internationally as Spain’s representative at Eurovision 2014, coming in 10th place with the powerful *Dancing in the Rain*. Since then, the Murcia native has released two full-length albums (with a third coming out imminently on her own label, Raspberry Records), has hosted *Benidorm Fest*, has dabbled in musical theatre, and has appeared on shows like Spain’s editions of *Masterchef Celebrity* and *Your Face Sounds Familiar*. Notably, back in 2016, she earned herself a Guinness World Record for “The Most Live Concerts in Multiple Towns in Twelve Hours” when she performed concerts in eight different cities throughout Spain to raise funds for breast cancer research.

### Marc Clotet

Barcelona-born actor and model Marc Clotet has been appearing on screens in Spain since his 2007 breakthrough on the Catalan soap opera *El cor de la ciutat* (*The Heart of the City*). He’s a stage and screen mainstay, performing in Spanish and Catalan. Earlier this year, he competed on Spain’s edition of *Celebrity Bake-Off*, coming in a respectable eighth place, going up against Eurovision alumni Blas Cantó and both members of Azúcar Moreno!

### Melani García

In what’s becoming a recent tradition at Junior Eurovision, an alum of the contest will be on the panel of hosts this year. After winning *La Voz Kids* in 2018, Valencia-native Melani took home the bronze at Junior Eurovision 2019 with her operatic song *Marte*, thrilling audiences in Gliwice, Poland. Since then, she’s been nominated for a Kids’ Choice Award as Best Spanish Artist, performed at festivals worldwide, and has released several singles. Not bad for just seventeen years old!

## 2024 Songs

### Quick Reference & Running Order

	Country	Artist	Song	Language(s)
01	Italy	Simone Grande	<i>"Pigiama arty"</i>	Italian, English
02	Estonia	Annabelle	<i>"Tänavad"</i>	Estonian
03	Albania	Nikol Çabeli	<i>"Vallëzoj"</i>	Albanian
04	Armenia	Leo	<i>"Cosmic Friend"</i>	Armenian, English
05	Cyprus	Maria Pissarides	<i>"Crystal Waters"</i>	Greek, English
06	France	Titouan	<i>"Comme ci comme ça"</i>	French, English
07	North Macedonia	Ana and Aleksej	<i>"Marathon"</i>	Macedonian, English
08	Poland	Dominik Arim	<i>"All Together"</i>	Polish, English
09	Georgia	Andria Putkaradze	<i>"To My Mom"</i>	Georgian
10	Spain	Chloe DelaRosa	<i>"Como la Lola"</i>	Spanish
11	Germany	Bjarne	<i>"Save the Best for Us"</i>	German, English
12	Netherlands	Stay Tuned	<i>"Music"</i>	Dutch, English
13	San Marino	Idols SM	<i>"Come noi"</i>	Italian
14	Ukraine	Artem Kotenko	<i>"Hear Me Now"</i>	Ukrainian, English
15	Portugal	Victoria Nicole	<i>"Esperança"</i>	Portuguese, Spanish
16	Ireland	Enya Cox Dempsey	<i>"Le chéile"</i>	Irish
17	Malta	Ramires Sciberras	<i>"Stilla ċkejna"</i>	Maltese

# ALBANIA

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2024

Artist	<b>Nikol Çabeli</b>
Title (Albanian)	<b><i>Vallëzoj</i></b>
Title (English)	<b><i>Dance</i></b>
Language	Albanian
Composers	Music: Endri Muçaj / Lyrics: Eriona Rushiti
Song Description	A sweeping ballad in waltz time, <i>Vallëzoj</i> is a simple plea to protect nature around us.

Artist Profile	Born in Greece and raised in Gjirokastrë, Albania, twelve-year-old Nikol has participated in several local shows and festivals, including a runner-up result during last year's <i>Junior Fest</i> .
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Selection Process	Broadcaster RTSH held an eighteen-song national final, <i>Junior Fest Albania 2024</i> , with a winner being determined through the votes of a five-member jury.
Date Selected	27 September

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2012
Years Competed	2012, 2015-2019, 2021-present
No. of JESC (incl 2024)	10
Best Position	5th (2015)
Finishing Position 2023	8th place, 115 points
Artist & Song 2023	Viola Gjyzeli, "Bota ime"
Host Venue	-

## Eurovision Song Contest 2024

Artist/Song	Besa, <i>Titan</i>
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# ARMENIA

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2024

Artist	<b>Leo</b>
Title	<b><i>Cosmic Friend</i></b>
Language	Armenian, English
Composers	Music: tokionine / Lyrics: Vahram Petrosyan, Maléna
Song Description	The bright, danceable, disco-flavoured <i>Cosmic Friend</i> tells the story of a child's friendship with an alien from outer space. Despite coming from very different places, they can always find common ground and have fun!

Artist Profile	Ten-year-old Leo is no stranger to the world of music, having performed on stages alongside his mother Hripsime Hakobyan for years.
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Selection Process	Broadcaster AMPTV opted for an internal selection for this year's singer and song.
Date Announced	Artist Confirmed: 28 September Song Released: 22 October

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2007
Years Competed	2007 – 2019, 2021- present
No. of JESC (incl 2024)	17
Best Position	1st (2010, 2021)
Finishing Position 2023	3rd place, 180 points
Artist & Song 2023	Yan Girls, <i>Do It My Way</i>
Host Venue	Yerevan 2011, 2022

## Eurovision Song Contest 2024

Artist/Song	Ladaniva, <i>Jako</i>
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# CYPRUS

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2024

Artist	<b>Maria Pissarides</b>
Title	<b><i>Crystal Waters</i></b>
Language	Greek, English
Composers	Music: Armin Gilani, Sophia Patsalides / Lyrics: Armin Gilani, Maria Pissarides, Sophia Patsalides
Song Description	As carefree and bright as a Mediterranean holiday, <i>Crystal Waters</i> expresses the feeling of first love while enjoying the sunshine and beaches of her homeland.

Artist Profile	Eleven-year-old Maria calls Cyprus home, but she's currently a full-time student at a performing arts academy in the United Kingdom.
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Selection Process	For their first Junior Eurovision act since 2017, broadcaster CyBC opted for a fully internal selection for this year's singer and song.
Date Announced	Artist Confirmed: 21 August Song Released: 30 September

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2003
Years Competed	2003-2004, 2006-2009, 2014, 2016-2017, 2024
No. of JESC (incl 2024)	10
Best Position	8th (2004, 2006)
Finishing Position 2017	16th place, 45 points
Artist & Song 2017	Nicole Nicolaou, <i>I Wanna Be a Star</i>
Host Venue	Limassol 2008

## Eurovision Song Contest 2024

Artist/Song	Silia Kapsis, <i>Liar</i>
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# ESTONIA

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2024

Artist	<b>Annabelle</b>
Title (Estonian)	<b><i>Tänavad</i></b>
Title (English)	<i>Streets</i>
Language	Estonian
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Sven Lõhmus
Song Description	Upbeat and danceable, <i>Tänavad</i> is all about the boundless energy and potential of younger generations as they find their voices.

Artist Profile	A recent winner on the TV show <i>Tähtede lava</i> ("Star Stage"), 14-year-old Tartu native Annabelle Ats is also an accomplished sprinter.
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Selection Process	Annabelle was selected as Estonia's representative at Junior Eurovision following her victory on <i>Tähtede lava</i> . A song was written especially for her and released at a later date.
Date Announced	Artist Announced: 5 May Song Released: 4 October

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2023
Years Competed	2023-present
No. of JESC (incl 2024)	2
Best Position	15th (2023)
Finishing Position 2023	15th place, 49 points
Artist & Song 2023	Arhanna, <i>Hoiame kokku</i>
Host Venue	-

## Eurovision Song Contest 2024

Artist/Song	5miinust & Puuluup, ( <i>Nendest</i> ) <i>narkootikumidest ei tea me (küll) midagi</i>
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# FRANCE

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2024

Artist	Titouan
Title (French)	<b><i>Comme ci comme ça</i></b>
Title (English)	Like this, like that
Language	French
Composers	Music: Malo' / Lyrics: Malo', Marie Bastide
Song Description	Starting off as a piano-based ballad before transforming into a slice of catchy, anthemic pop, <i>Comme ci comme ça</i> is all about people coming together and embracing the things that make us all unique.

Artist Profile	14-year-old Titouan comes from the Brittany region of France and has been publishing covers on YouTube for a few years. He has also appeared on <i>The Voice Kids</i> as well as French tv show <i>DreamTeam</i> .
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Selection Process	As broadcaster France Télévisions has done since their re-entry into Junior Eurovision in 2018, France opted for an internal selection this year for both song and singer.
Date Announced	Artist Announced: 18 September Song Released: 10 October

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2002
Years Competed	2004, 2018 – present
No. of JESC (incl 2021)	8
Best Position	1st (2020, 2022, 2023)
Finishing Position 2023	1st place, 228 points
Artist & Song 2023	Zoé Clazure, <i>Cœur</i>
Host Venue	Paris 2021, Nice 2023

## Eurovision Song Contest 2024

Artist/Song	Slimane, <i>Mon amour</i>
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# GEORGIA

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2024

Artist	<b>Andria Putkaradze</b>
Title	<b><i>To My Mom</i></b>
Language	Georgian
Composers	Music: Giorgi Kukhianidze / Lyrics: Giorgi Kukhianidze, Maka Davitaia
Song Description	<i>To My Mom</i> is a sweeping, wistful ballad all about the comfort and tenderness of a mother's love.

Artist Profile	Eleven-year-old Andria is from the coastal city of Batumi. He's been a member of the vocal group "Sons of the Sea" for about five years now, but Junior Eurovision 2024 will be his first major solo event.
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Selection Process	The Georgian broadcaster used the children's talent show <i>Ranina</i> to select their artist. From a lineup of ten contestants, three eventually progressed to a Final round, and a song was then tailored to the winner's voice.
Date Announced	Artist Selection: 26 May Song Release: 13 October

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2007
Years Competed	2007 – present
No. of JESC (incl 2024)	18
Best Position	1st (2006, 2011 & 2016)
Finishing Position 2023	14th place, 74 points
Artist & Song 2023	Anastasia and Ranina, <i>Over the Sky</i>
Host Venue	Tbilisi 2017

## Eurovision Song Contest 2024

Artist/Song	Nutsa Buzaladze, <i>Firefighter</i>
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# GERMANY

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2024

Artist	<b>Bjarne</b>
Title	<b>Save the Best for Us</b>
Language	German, English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Ignacio Uriarte, Kai Oliver Krug, Thomas Meilstrup
Song Description	<i>Save the Best for Us</i> is an anthemic, uplifting song with an impassioned plea for all of us to come together to save the wonders of our planet for the next generation.

Artist Profile	Germany's first male act at Junior Eurovision, eleven-year-old Bjarne, is from a small town in Lower Saxony. He was a semifinalist on <i>The Voice Kids</i> last year.
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Selection Process	Broadcaster NDR and children's channel Kika collaborated on a five-song National Final, which used an online vote as well as an international jury to decide the winner.
Date Selected	July 1

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2020
Years Competed	2020-2021, 2023-present
No. of JESC (incl 2021)	4
Best Position	9th (2023)
Finishing Position 2023	9th, 107 points
Artist & Song 2023	Fia, <i>Ohne worte</i>
Host Venue	-

## Eurovision Song Contest 2024

Artist/Song	Isaak, <i>Always on the Run</i>
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# IRELAND

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2024

Artist	<b>Enya Cox Dempsey</b>
Title (Irish)	<b><i>Le chéile</i></b>
Title (English)	<i>Together</i>
Language	Irish
Composers	Music: Ian James White, Nicky Brennan / Lyrics: Laoise Ní Nualláin
Song Description	A modern pop song with a party vibe, <i>Le chéile</i> is all about finding strength and joy alongside the people you love and trust.

Artist Profile	Fourteen-year-old Enya hails from a small town in County Kilkenny, and has performed in local shows and panto productions.
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Selection Process	After several elimination heats and a semifinal, three artists proceeded to the final of <i>Junior Eurovision Éire</i> . Each had to sing an Irish-language cover of a pop song as well as a Eurovision classic. The top two then got to perform their version of <i>Le chéile</i> , and a jury selected the overall winner.
Date Selected	13 October

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2015
Years Competed	2015 - 2019, 2021-present
No. of JESC (incl 2024)	9
Best Position	4th (2022)
Finishing Position 2023	16th place, 42 points
Artist & Song 2023	Jessica McKean, <i>Aisling</i>
Host Venue	-

## Eurovision Song Contest 2024

Artist/Song	Bambie Thug, <i>Doomsday Blue</i>
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# ITALY

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2024

Artist	<b>Simone Grande</b>
Title (Italian)	<b><i>Pigiama party</i></b>
Title (English)	<i>Pyjama Party</i>
Language	Italian, English
Composers	Music: Alex Uhlmann, Luca Mattioni, Paolo Meneguzzo / Lyrics: Luca Mattioni, Paolo Meneguzzo
Song Description	What better way to open Junior Eurovision 2024 than with an invitation to Simone's sleepover party, where everyone is welcome and pillow fights solve arguments.

Artist Profile	Twelve-year-old Simone is from just outside of Milan, and is the most recent winner of <i>The Voice Kids</i> in his home country.
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Selection Process	It had previously been announced that one of the finalists of <i>The Voice Kids</i> would win the ticket to Madrid, and winner Simone was selected internally from that group. A song was written for him.
Date Announced	Artist Announced: 19 September Song Released: 27 September

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2014
Years Competed	2014 – 2019, 2021-present
No. of JESC (incl 2024)	10
Best Position	1st (2014)
Finishing Position 2023	11th place, 81 points
Artist & Song 2023	Melissa and Ranya, <i>Un mondo giusto</i>
Host Venue	-

## Eurovision Song Contest 2024

Artist/Song	Angelina Mango, <i>La noia</i>
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# MALTA

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2024

Artist	<b>Ramires Sciberras</b>
Title (Maltese)	<b><i>Stilla ċkejna</i></b>
Title (English)	<i>Little Star</i>
Language	Maltese
Composers	Music: Aleandro Spiteri Monsigneur, Peter Borg / Lyrics: Lon Kirkop
Song Description	A tender ballad detailing Ramires's adoption journey, <i>Stilla ċkejna</i> is the first entry at Junior Eurovision to be entirely performed in the Maltese language.

Artist Profile	Born in Cambodia and adopted into a Maltese family as an infant, twelve-year-old Ramires has been singing and playing the piano since the age of eight and won a competition in Latvia last year.
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Selection Process	A fourteen-song National Final was held, with a winner selected by a professional jury and public vote.
Date Selected	21 September

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2003
Years Competed	2003-2010, 2013 – present
No. of JESC (incl 2024)	20
Best Position	1st (2013 & 2015)
Finishing Position 2023	10th place, 94 points
Artist & Song 2023	Yulan Law, <i>Stronger</i>
Host Venue	Marsa 2014, Valletta 2016

## Eurovision Song Contest 2024

Artist/Song	Sarah Bonnici, <i>Loop</i>
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# THE NETHERLANDS

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2024

Artist	<b>Stay Tuned</b>
Title	<b><i>Music</i></b>
Language	Dutch, English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Jermain van der Bogt, Willem Laseroms
Song Description	Just like how the four members of Stay Tuned came together for Junior Eurovision, <i>Music</i> is all about how the power of song can unite people from all over the world.

Artist Profile	Inkar, Miucha, Chiara, and Niek range in age from 12 to 14, and were grouped together during the National Final process after auditioning as soloists.
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Selection Process	<i>Junior Songfestival 2024</i> brought together four acts, and the winner was decided through a public vote, a professional jury, and a kids' jury.
Date Selected	21 September

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2003
Years Competed	2003 – present
No. of JESC (incl 2024)	22
Best Position	1st (2009)
Finishing Position 2023	7th place, 122 points
Artist & Song 2023	Sep & Jasmijn, <i> Holding on to You </i>
Host Venue	Rotterdam 2007, Amsterdam 2012

## Eurovision Song Contest 2024

Artist/Song	Joost Klein, <i>Europapa</i>
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# NORTH MACEDONIA

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2024

Artists	<b>Ana &amp; Aleksej</b>
Title	<b><i>Marathon</i></b>
Language	Macedonian, English
Composers	Music: Lazar Cvetkovski / Lyrics: Magdalena Cvetkovska
Song Description	<i>Marathon</i> is an upbeat, danceable track about following your dreams, no matter how distant they may seem. Life is a marathon, not a sprint!

Artist Profile	Fourteen-year-old Ana Vanchevska and twelve-year-old Aleksej Ivanovski are from the city of Bitola, and both have taken part in local festivals and competitions in the past.
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Selection Process	Broadcaster MKRTV opted for an internal selection for both their performers and song this year.
Date Announced	Artist Announcement: 27 June Song Reveal: 4 October

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2003
Years Competed	2003-2011, 2013, 2015–2019, 2021-present
No. of JESC (incl 2024)	19
Best Position	5th (2007 & 2008)
Finishing Position 2023	12th place, 76 points
Artist & Song 2023	Tamara Grujeska, <i>Kaži mi, kaži mi koj</i>
Host Venue	-

## Eurovision Song Contest 2024

Artist/Song	n/a - North Macedonia did not participate
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# POLAND

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2024

Artist	<b>Dominik Arim</b>
Title	<b><i>All Together</i></b>
Language	Polish, English
Composers	Music: Sławomir Sokolowski / Lyrics: Aldona Dąbrowska
Song Description	A heartfelt ballad, <i>All Together</i> tells the listener not to underestimate the ambitions of children, and that we all need to come together for their shared futures.

Artist Profile	The first male act to represent Poland at Junior Eurovision, eleven-year-old Dominik is from a small town in northern Poland. He previously appeared on <i>The Voice Kids</i> .
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Selection Process	Poland's standard National Final, <i>Szansa na sukces</i> , was held again, with three seven-artist heats leading to a five-artist final. The top two singers each performed their version of <i>All Together</i> , and a professional jury and a public televote decided the winner.
Date Selected	29 September

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2003
Years Competed	2003-2004, 2016 – present
No. of JESC (incl 2024)	11
Best Position	1st (2018, 2019)
Finishing Position 2023	6th place, 124 points
Artist & Song 2023	Maja Krzyżewska, <i>I Just Need a Friend</i>
Host Venue	Gliwice 2019, Warsaw 2020

## Eurovision Song Contest 2024

Artist/Song	Luna, <i>The Tower</i>
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# PORTUGAL

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2024

Artist	<b>Victoria Nicole</b>
Title (Portuguese)	<b><i>Esperança</i></b>
Title (English)	<i>Hope</i>
Language	Portuguese, Spanish
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Victoria Nicole
Song Description	Blending Spanish and Portuguese lyrics, <i>Esperança</i> is a classic piano-based ballad that lets Victoria share her dreams and aspirations with the listener.

Artist Profile	Born in Venezuela, 14-year-old Victoria moved to Portugal with her family about six years ago. She's the most recent winner of <i>The Voice Kids</i> .
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Selection Process	Portuguese broadcaster RTP gave the ticket to Madrid to the winner of <i>The Voice Kids</i> . A song was then commissioned for Victoria's voice and style.
Date Announced	Artist Selection: 8 July Song Reveal: 8 October

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2006
Years Competed	2006-2007, 2017-2019, 2021-present
No. of JESC (incl 2024)	9
Best Position	14th (2006, 2017)
Finishing Position 2023	13th place, 75 points
Artist & Song 2023	Júlia Machado, <i>Where I Belong</i>
Host Venue	-

## Eurovision Song Contest 2024

Artist/Song	iolanda, <i>Grito</i>
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# SAN MARINO

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2024

Artists	<b>Idols SM</b>
Title (Italian)	<b><i>Come Noi</i></b>
Title (English)	<i>Like Us</i>
Language	Italian
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Francesco Sancisi, Nicola Della Valle, Paolo Macina
Song Description	The four members of Idols SM come together to share a song about embracing the joy and simplicity of youth, from walking barefoot to spending time with your friends.

Artist Profile	Asia Ceccoli, Giulia Rinaldi, Giorgia Descisolo and Vera Stefania Olkhovskaya, all aged 11 or 12, are all avid singers and performers, but Junior Eurovision is by far the largest platform they've had the opportunity to perform on.
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Selection Process	The Sammarinese act was revealed during the charity event <i>Sogna ragazzo sogna</i> , with Idols SM's song selected by a popular jury during the festival.
Date Selected	Artist Announcement: 11 September Song Reveal: 5 October

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2013
Years Competed	2013-2015, 2024
No. of JESC (incl 2024)	4
Best Position	10th (2013)
Finishing Position 2015	14th place, 36 points
Artist & Song 2015	Kamilla Ismailova, <i>Mirror</i>
Host Venue	-

## Eurovision Song Contest 2024

Artist/Song	Megara, <i>11:11</i>
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# SPAIN

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2024

Artist	<b>Chloe DelaRosa</b>
Title (Spanish)	<b><i>Como la Lola</i></b>
Title (English)	<i>Like Lola</i>
Language	Spanish
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Alejandro Martínez, Chloe DelaRosa, David Parejo, Luis Ramiro
Song Description	Joyful and frenetic, <i>Como la Lola</i> is Chloe's homage to her musical idols, name-checking artists like Taylor Swift, Karol G, Shakira, Rosalía, Olivia Rodrigo, and, most notably, flamenco legend Lola Flores.

Artist Profile	One of this year's youngest artists, nine-year-old Chloe is from the small town of Guareña, near Badajoz. She's been singing and dancing since the age of three.
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Selection Process	Spain's song and singer for Junior Eurovision were internally selected.
Date Announced	Artist Reveal: 18 July Song Release: 7 October

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2003
Years Competed	2003-2006, 2019 - present
No. of JESC (incl 2024)	10
Best Position	1st (2004)
Finishing Position 2023	2nd, 201 points
Artist & Song 2023	Sandra Valero, <i>Loviu</i>
Host Venue	Madrid 2024

## Eurovision Song Contest 2024

Artist/Song	Nebulossa, <i>Zorra</i>
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# UKRAINE

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2024

Artist	<b>Artem Kotenko</b>
Title	<b><i>Hear Me Now</i></b>
Language	Ukrainian, English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Svitlana Tarabarova
Song Description	High-energy and danceable, <i>Hear Me Now</i> carries the message that through all of life's difficulties, having a safe place to call home is vital.

Artist Profile	Hailing from the city of Okhtryka in Sumy Oblast (not far from the border with Russia), twelve-year-old Artem was long-listed for last year's Ukrainian National Final. He's also taken part at other musical competitions at home and abroad.
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Selection Process	Six songs took part in a televised national final, with the winner being determined by the votes of a three-member jury, plus a public vote.
Date Selected	22 September

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2006
Years Competed	2006 – present
No. of JESC (incl 2024)	19
Best Position	1st (2012)
Finishing Position 2023	5th, 128 points
Artist & Song 2023	Anastasia Dymyd, <i>Kvitka</i>
Host Venue	Kyiv 2009 & 2013

## Eurovision Song Contest 2024

Artist/Song	Alyona Alyona and Jerry Heil, <i>Teresa &amp; Maria</i>
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# Junior Eurovision 2024: By the Numbers

## Who's coming to Madrid?

- 17 Nations (one more than last year, following the withdrawal of the United Kingdom and the return of Cyprus and San Marino)

## Who's singing?

- Male Soloists (8): Armenia, France, Georgia, Germany, Italy, Malta, Poland, Ukraine
- Female Soloists (6): Albania, Cyprus, Estonia, Ireland, Portugal, Spain
- Duos and Groups (3): Netherlands, North Macedonia, San Marino

## How old are the performers?

- 9: Spain
- 10: Armenia
- 11: Cyprus, Georgia, Germany, Poland
- 12: Albania, Italy, Malta, Netherlands (Inkar), North Macedonia (Aleksiej), Ukraine
- 13: Estonia, Netherlands (Miucha, Niek), Portugal
- 14: France, Ireland, Netherlands (Chiara), North Macedonia (Ana)
- The four members of San Marino's group are between 11 and 12 years old.

## How were the performers and songs chosen?

- Internal Selection: Armenia, Cyprus, France, Italy, North Macedonia, Spain
- National Final: Albania, Germany, Malta, Netherlands, San Marino, Ukraine
- Partial National Final (artist publicly selected, song internally chosen): Estonia, Georgia, Ireland, Poland, Portugal

## What language will the song be performed in?

- Bilingual (including English): Armenia, Cyprus, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Poland, Ukraine
- Bilingual (not including English): Portugal
- Monolingual in a language other than English: Albania, Estonia, France, Georgia, Ireland, Malta, San Marino, Spain

## How many songs this year were written (at least partially) by the performer, according to the Junior Eurovision website?

- Cyprus
- Portugal
  - Victoria Nicole is listed as the sole composer and songwriter for *Esperança*.
- Spain

## How many songs this year were written (at least partially) by a former Eurovision or Junior Eurovision alum, or a songwriter with significant Eurovision history?

- Albania
  - *Vallëz* was co-written by Eriona Rushiti, who had previously worked on Albanian Eurovision entries *Ktheju tokës*, and *Duje*, as well as last year's Junior Eurovision entry *Bota Ime*.
- Armenia
  - *Cosmic Friend* was co-written by Maléna, Armenia's Junior Eurovision winner from 2021. In addition to her winning song *Qami, Qami*, Maléna and songwriter tokionine also wrote *Do It My Way* for Yan Girls, last year's JESC entrants for Armenia. Tokionine was also part of the songwriting team for Srbuk's *Walking Out* in 2019.

- Cyprus
  - *Crystal Waters* was co-written by Sophia Patsalides, who performed for Cyprus at Junior Eurovision 2014. Her song, *I pio omorfi mera*, came in ninth place that year.
- Estonia
  - Sven Lõhmus, the sole songwriter listed on *Tänavad*, had previously written Estonian Eurovision entries *Let's Get Loud* (2005), *Rändajad* (2009), *Rockefeller Street* (2011), and *Verona* (2017), as well as at least fifteen entries for Estonian National Finals. This is his first foray into writing for Junior Eurovision.
- Georgia
  - Giorgi "Giga" Kukhianidze has been a mainstay at Junior Eurovision for Georgia since 2010's *Mari Dari*. Since then, he's also written *Funky Lemonade* (2012), *Give Me Your Smile* (2013), *Happy Day* (2014), *Gabede* (2015), *Voice of the Heart* (2017), *You Are Not Alone* (2020), *Let's Count the Smiles* (2021), and *I Believe* (2022), as well as *Echo* for Iru at Eurovision 2023.
- Italy
  - *Pigiama party* was co-written by Paolo Meneguzzi, who represented Switzerland at Eurovision 2008 with the song *Era stupendo*.
- North Macedonia
  - Siblings Magdalena Cvetkovska and Lazar Czetkoski had previously written *Fire* for Junior Eurovision 2019, as well as Eurovision entries *Pred Da Se Razdeni* (2013). Individually, Lazar was also part of the songwriting team for *To The Sky* (2014), *Proud* (2019), and *Fall From the Sky* (Albania 2020).
- San Marino
  - *Come noi* was written by the members of the band Miodio, who represented San Marino at the country's Eurovision debut in 2008 with the song *Complice*.

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May the best song win!