

# **Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2025**

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

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

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## Introduction

Welcome to the Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2025, the 23rd edition of the competition that has run annually since 2003. Acts from eighteen nations will be taking to the stage in Tbilisi, Georgia on Saturday, December 13th, for an incredible spectacle of music, culture, and language.

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 2025 Junior Eurovision Song Contest as much as we will.

## 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 Jelusić	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>Vesennyi 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
2023	Nice, France	France	<i>Cœur</i>	Zoé Clauzure	Spain
2024	Madrid, Spain	Georgia	<i>To My Mom</i>	Andria Putkaradze	Portugal

# Differences between Junior Eurovision and Eurovision

The Junior Eurovision Song Contest has undergone many changes over the years, including changes to linguistic rules and regulations on the ages of performers and songwriters. While there are many similarities between the Eurovision Song Contest (ESC) and Junior Eurovision Song Contest (JESC), there are some very distinct differences too:

- Artists between the ages of nine and fourteen (at the time of the show's broadcast) are welcome to participate in Junior Eurovision.
- Junior Eurovision host nations are selected via a bidding system, rather than automatically awarding hosting duties to the previous year's winner. In this year's case, however, last year's champion Georgia, will be hosting the Contest.
- The song must be sung in any of the country's national languages, with up to 40% of the lyrics permitted 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. In theory, voters are allowed to vote for their home country, a practice not permitted at Eurovision.

## Participation

Active member broadcasters of the European Broadcasting Union are eligible to participate 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 2025, Georgia is the most successful nation at Junior Eurovision, with four wins, with France close behind at three. Armenia, Malta, and Poland have all won twice, and Belarus and Russia, no longer participating in the Contest, also had two victories each during their years of participation.

## 2025 Host Venue: Gymnastic Hall of Olympic City, Tbilisi, Georgia

Originally scheduled to be housed at the Grand Hall of the Tbilisi Olympic Palace, a late change to this year's venue moved the 2025 JESC festivities over to the Gymnastics Hall of the Olympic City Complex. Originally constructed to host events for the 2015 European Youth Summer Olympic Games, the venue can host just under 1,300 spectators.

## 2025 Hosts

### David Aladashvili

A popular TV presenter who also moonlights as the Artistic Director of the Tbilisi National Youth Palace, 35-year-old David Aladashvili is also a highly accomplished musician, having studied piano since the age of 11. His musical talents brought him to the Julliard School in New York, where he honed his skills further. Since graduating, he's performed at Carnegie Hall, La Scala in Milan, and many other prestigious venues. To Junior Eurovision fans, he's known as one of the hosts of *Ranina*, Georgia's selection show for JESC.

### Liza Tsiklauri

A familiar face to Georgian tv viewers, Liza started her journalism career in 2008, and has served as an anchor on *Moambe*, GBP's daily news program, since 2014. Eagle-eyed Eurovision fans might have seen Liza giving out Georgia's points at Eurovision 2013, or hosting their National Final in 2017.

## 2025 Songs

### Quick Reference & Running Order

	Country	Artist	Song	Language(s)
01	Malta	Eliza Borg	<i>I Believe</i>	English
02	Azerbaijan	Yağmur	<i>Miau miau</i>	Azerbaijani, English
03	Croatia	Marino Vrgoč	<i>Snovi</i>	Croatian
04	San Marino	Martina Crv	<i>Beyond the Stars</i>	Italian, English
05	Armenia	Albert	<i>Brave Heart</i>	Armenian
06	Ukraine	Sofiia Nersesian	<i>Motanka</i>	Ukrainian, English
07	Ireland	Lottie O'Driscoll Murray	<i>Rúin</i>	Irish
08	Netherlands	Meadow	<i>Freeze</i>	Dutch, English
09	Poland	Marianna Kłos	<i>Brightest Light</i>	Polish, English
10	North Macedonia	Nela Mančeska	<i>Miracle</i>	Macedonian, English
11	Montenegro	Asja Džogović	<i>I tužna i srećna priča</i>	Montenegrin
12	Italy	Leonardo Giovannangeli	<i>Rockstar</i>	Italian, English
13	Portugal	Inês Gonçalves	<i>Para onde vai o amor?</i>	Portuguese
14	Spain	Gonzalo Pinillos	<i>Érase una vez</i>	Spanish, English
15	Georgia	Anita Abgariani	<i>Shine Like a Star</i>	Georgian, English
16	Cyprus	Rafaella and Christos	<i>Away</i>	Greek, English
17	France	Lou Deleuze	<i>Ce Monde</i>	French
18	Albania	Kroni Pula	<i>Fruta perime</i>	Albanian

# ALBANIA

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist	<b>Kroni Pula</b>
Title (Albanian)	<b><i>Fruta perime</i></b>
Title (English)	<b><i>Fruits and Vegetables</i></b>
Language	Albanian
Composers	Music and Lyrics: Adrian Hila
Song Description	<i>Fruta perime</i> is a bouncy and fun ode to enjoying a balanced diet, including making sure you get plenty of fruits and veggies!

Artist Profile	One of this year's youngest participants, nine-year-old Kroni Pula is just getting started on her musical journey. Her appearance at Albania's national final was the first time she had appeared on a large stage, she's been singing since the age of four.
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Selection Process	Broadcaster RTSH held a twenty-song national final, <i>Junior Fest Albania 2025</i> , with a winner being determined through the votes of a professional jury as well as a children's jury.
Date Selected	1 June

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2012
Years Competed	2012, 2015-2019, 2021-present
No. of JESC (incl 2025)	11
Best Position	5th (2015)
Finishing Position 2024	7th place, 126 points
Artist & Song 2024	Nikol Çabeli, <i>Vallëzot</i>
Host Venue	-

## Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Shkodra Elektronike, <i>Zjerm</i>
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# ARMENIA

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist	<b>Albert</b>
Title	<b><i>Brave Heart</i></b>
Language	Armenian
Composers	Music:Lilit Navasardyan / Lyrics: Anita Hakhverdyan
Song Description	A sweeping ballad that shows off Albert's vocal range, <i>Brave Heart</i> is dedicated to everyone who dreams big, despite all of the challenges that they may face in life.

Artist Profile	Twelve-year-old Yerevan native Albert Armenakyan was a finalist on <i>The Voice Kids</i> in France this year, and has attempted to represent Armenia at Junior Eurovision for the past three years. Persistence pays off, Albert!
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Selection Process	Broadcaster AMPTV opted for an internal selection for this year's singer and song.
Date Announced	Artist Announced: 21 October Song Released: 6 November

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2007
Years Competed	2007 – 2019, 2021- present
No. of JESC (incl 2025)	18
Best Position	1st (2010, 2021)
Finishing Position 2024	8th place, 125 points
Artist & Song 2024	Leo, <i>Cosmic Friend</i>
Host Venue	Yerevan 2011, 2022

## Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Parg, <i>Survivor</i>
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# AZERBAIJAN

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist	Yağmur
Title	<i>Miau miau</i>
Language	Azerbaijani, English
Composers	Music: Dihaj, Hafiz Bakhish, Mila Miles, Rustam Rzayev / Lyrics: Mila Miles
Song Description	Just like it sounds, <i>Miau miau</i> is about a cat who loves living a wild and free existence, especially when it comes to being on a stage.

Artist Profile	Yağmur, a twelve-year-old resident of Baku, attends a youth arts school alongside her regular lessons. In her spare time, she loves rollerskating and listening to K-pop!
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Selection Process	Broadcaster İTV opted for an internal selection for this year's singer and song.
Date Announced	Artist Announced: 23 September Song Released: 30 October

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2012
Years Competed	2012-2013, 2018, 2021, 2025
No. of JESC (incl 2025)	5
Best Position	5th (2021)
Finishing Position 2024	n/a (did not participate)
Artist & Song 2024	n/a (did not participate)
Host Venue	-

## Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Mamagama, <i>Run With U</i>
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# CROATIA

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist	<b>Marino Vrgoč</b>
Title (Croatian)	<b><i>Snovi</i></b>
Title (English)	Dreams
Language	Croatian
Composers	Music: Ines Prajo, Marino Vrgoč / Lyrics: Arjana Kunštek
Song Description	<i>Snovi</i> is a classic, uplifting ballad all about how everything is possible when you dream big, and how even the little things in life can make us happy.

Artist Profile	The first singer to represent Croatia at JESC since 2014, ten-year-old Marino is from the small coastal town of Ploče. He was the winner of the first series of <i>The Voice Kids Croatia</i> .
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Selection Process	Croatian broadcaster HRT had announced that the winner of the first series of <i>The Voice Kids Hrvatska</i> would represent the country at Junior Eurovision. After Marino's win, a song was written specifically for him.
Date Announced	Artist Selected: 16 April Song Released: 10 November

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2003
Years Competed	2003-2006, 2014, 2025
No. of JESC (incl 2025)	6
Best Position	1st (2003)
Finishing Position 2024	n/a (did not participate)
Artist & Song 2024	n/a (did not participate)
Host Venue	-

## Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Marko Bošnjak, <i>Poison Cake</i>
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# CYPRUS

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist	<b>Rafaella Panteli and Christos Georgiou</b>
Title	<b><i>Away</i></b>
Language	Greek, English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Andy Lys, Christopher Wortley, DWB, Hannah Brine
Song Description	<i>Away</i> has a complex structure with shifting time signatures. According to Rafaella and Christos, nothing's better than dancing through life, especially with a friend!

Artist Profile	Rafaella Panteli, aged 14, and Christos Georgiou, aged 12, are working together for the first time at JESC. Rafaella has taken part in many stage productions and is currently studying Musical Theatre in London. Christos performs in local events, is learning the drums, and has started composing his own music!
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Selection Process	Broadcaster CyBC opted for a fully internal selection for this year's act and song.
Date Announced	Artists Announced: 23 September Song Released: 6 November

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2003
Years Competed	2003-2004, 2006-2009, 2014, 2016-2017, 2024-present
No. of JESC (incl 2025)	11
Best Position	8th (2004, 2006)
Finishing Position 2024	13th place, 60 points
Artist & Song 2024	Maria Pissarides, <i>Crystal Waters</i>
Host Venue	Limassol 2008

## Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Theo Evan, <i>Shh</i>
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# FRANCE

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist	<b>Lou Deleuze</b>
Title (French)	<b><i>Ce Monde</i></b>
Title (English)	This World
Language	French
Composers	Music & Lyrics: John Claes, Jonathan Thyssens, Pauline Thisse (“Linh”)
Song Description	Melancholy, yet still optimistic, <i>Ce Monde</i> looks at the world with a child’s eyes, recognizing how cold and sad life can be, yet still holding on to hope for the future.

Artist Profile	Lou Deleuze, an eleven-year-old Parisienne, has been acting since the age of seven, and took part in France’s version of <i>Got Talent</i> last year.
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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 and Song Announced: 29 September

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2002
Years Competed	2004, 2018 – present
No. of JESC (incl 2021)	9
Best Position	1st (2020, 2022, 2023)
Finishing Position 2024	4th place, 177 points
Artist & Song 2024	Titouan, <i>Comme ci, comme ça</i>
Host Venue	Paris 2021, Nice 2023

## Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Louane, <i>Maman</i>
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# GEORGIA

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist	<b>Anita Abgariani</b>
Title	<b><i>Shine Like a Star</i></b>
Language	Georgian, English
Composers	Music: Giga Kukhianidze / Lyrics: Giga Kukhianidze, Mariam Ghvaladze
Song Description	An anthemic, orchestral number featuring Anita's powerful vocals, <i>Shine Like a Star</i> uses the power of music to unite and inspire.

Artist Profile	Representing the host nation, Batumi-born Anita takes part in the Children of the Sea youth choir in her hometown, and is also studying piano and gymnastics.
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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: 1 November Song Release: 7 November

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2007
Years Competed	2007 – present
No. of JESC (incl 2025)	19
Best Position	1st (2006, 2011, 2016, 2024)
Finishing Position 2024	1st place, 239 points
Artist & Song 2024	Andria Putkaradze, <i>To My Mom</i>
Host Venue	Tbilisi 2017, 2025

## Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Mariam Shengelia, <i>Freedom</i>
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# IRELAND

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist	<b>Lottie O'Driscoll Murray</b>
Title (Irish)	<b><i>Rúin</i></b>
Title (English)	<i>Secrets</i>
Language	Irish
Composers	Music: Ian James White, Nicky Brennan / Lyrics: Ian James White, Jenny Ní Ruiséal, Nicky Brennan, Rob O'Connor
Song Description	<i>Rúin</i> is an emotional ballad about the difficulties we all face when we try to be open and honest with the ones that we love.

Artist Profile	Fourteen-year-old Cork native Lottie O'Driscoll Murray had previously attempted to represent Ireland at JESC, but clinched the ticket to Tbilisi this year. She's also performed on the popular <i>Late Late Toy Show</i> , an Irish television institution.
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Selection Process	After 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	Artist Selection: 19 October Song Release: 5 November

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2015
Years Competed	2015 - 2019, 2021-present
No. of JESC (incl 2025)	10
Best Position	4th (2022)
Finishing Position 2024	15th place, 55 points
Artist & Song 2024	Enya Cox Dempsey, <i>Le chéile</i>
Host Venue	-

## Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Emmy, <i>Laika Party</i>
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# ITALY

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist	<b>Leonardo Giovannangeli</b>
Title	<b><i>Rockstar</i></b>
Language	Italian, English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Claudia Zaneccchia, Giancarlo Prandelli
Song Description	Fast paced and confident, <i>Rockstar</i> is a high-energy blend of pop and rap full of swagger and pop culture references.

Artist Profile	Leonardo, an eleven-year-old from Rome, was a finalist on <i>The Voice Kids</i> in his home country last year. He's also performed shows like <i>The Coach</i> and <i>Sanremo Junior</i> .
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Selection Process	Italian broadcaster RAI selected their singer and song internally this year.
Date Announced	Artist Announced: 20 September Song Released: 3 November

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2014
Years Competed	2014 – 2019, 2021-present
No. of JESC (incl 2025)	11
Best Position	1st (2014)
Finishing Position 2024	9th place, 98 points
Artist & Song 2024	Simone Grande, <i>Pigiama party</i>
Host Venue	-

## Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Lucio Corsi, <i>Volevo essere un duro</i>
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# MALTA

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist	<b>Eliza Borg</b>
Title	<i>I Believe</i>
Language	English
Composers	Music: Elton Zarb / Lyrics: Destiny Chukunyere, Matt Muxu Mercieca
Song Description	A showstopping ballad, <i>I Believe</i> tells the listener to never hold back from dreaming big, even when ambition seems intimidating and scary at first.

Artist Profile	The winner of the second series of <i>The Voice Kids Malta</i> , twelve-year-old Eliza was mentored by JESC champion and ESC alumna Destiny. She's from the town of Naxxar, and has taken part in a number of domestic and international competitions since then.
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Selection Process	Maltese broadcaster PBS announced that the winner of the second series of <i>The Voice Kids</i> would represent the country at Junior Eurovision. Eliza's song was presented during the show's finale.
Date Selected	19 October

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2003
Years Competed	2003-2010, 2013 – present
No. of JESC (incl 2025)	21
Best Position	1st (2013 & 2015)
Finishing Position 2024	5th place, 153 points
Artist & Song 2024	Ramires Sciberras, <i>Stilla ckejkna</i>
Host Venue	Marsa 2014, Valletta 2016

## Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Miriana Conte, <i>Serving</i>
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# MONTENEGRO

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist	<b>Asja Džogović</b>
Title (Montenegrin)	<i>I tužna i srećna priča (И тужна и срећна прича)</i>
Title (English)	<i>A sad and happy story</i>
Language	Montenegrin
Composers	Music: Danijel Alibabić / Lyrics: Natalija Pavićević
Song Description	<i>I tužna i srećna priča</i> is a bittersweet showstopper of a ballad, evoking the warmth of a loving family, but also reminding the listener that not all children have that comfort and security in their lives.

Artist Profile	Montenegro's first JESC representative in a decade, thirteen-year-old Asja comes from the town of Bijelo Polje. She's participated in competitions and festivals all over the Balkan region, as well as on Montenegrin television.
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Selection Process	For their first entry at Junior Eurovision in a decade, Montenegrin broadcaster RTCG opted for a fully internal selection for their singer and song.
Date Selected	Artist Announced: 3 September Song Released: 2 November

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2014
Years Competed	2014-2015, 2025
No. of JESC (incl 2025)	3
Best Position	13th (2015)
Finishing Position 2024	n/a (did not compete)
Artist & Song 2024	n/a (did not compete)
Host Venue	-

## Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Nina Žižić, <i>Dobrodošli</i>
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# THE NETHERLANDS

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist	<b>Meadow</b>
Title	<b><i>Freeze</i></b>
Language	Dutch, English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Daniel van der Molen, Elke Tiel, Stas Swaczyna
Song Description	Despite being a high-energy and danceable song, <i>Freeze</i> reminds us that it's important to take a moment to stop and take a deep breath when our lives feel rushed.

Artist Profile	Fourteen-year-old Meadow Isselt, from Roermond in the south of the Netherlands, is an experienced stage actress, having performed in productions of <i>Frozen</i> and <i>The Bodyguard</i> . She's also dabbled in voiceover work
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Selection Process	<i>Junior Songfestival 2025</i> brought together four acts, and the winner was decided through a public vote, a professional jury, and a kids' jury.
Date Selected	20 September

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2003
Years Competed	2003 – present
No. of JESC (incl 2025)	23
Best Position	1st (2009)
Finishing Position 2024	10th place, 91 points
Artist & Song 2024	Stay Tuned, <i>Music</i>
Host Venue	Rotterdam 2007, Amsterdam 2012

## Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Claude, <i>C'est la vie</i>
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# NORTH MACEDONIA

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artists	<b>Nela Mančeska</b>
Title	<b><i>Miracle</i></b>
Language	Macedonian, English
Composers	Music: Lazar Cvetkoski / Lyrics: Magdalena Cvetkoska
Song Description	An inspiring ballad, <i>Miracle</i> inspires listeners to embrace the fact that they are incredible, and have the potential to surmount any kind of adversity.

Artist Profile	Nela Mančeska (also written “Mancheska”) is a thirteen-year-old from Skopje. She’s participated in musical festivals and competitions throughout the region, but now she sets her sights on Tbilisi!
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Selection Process	Broadcaster MKRTV opted for an internal selection for both their performers and song this year.
Date Announced	Artist Announced: 13 June Song Reveal: 7 November

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2003
Years Competed	2003-2011, 2013, 2015–2019, 2021-present
No. of JESC (incl 2025)	20
Best Position	5th (2007 & 2008)
Finishing Position 2024	16th place, 54 points
Artist & Song 2024	Ana and Aleksej, <i>Marathon</i>
Host Venue	-

## Eurovision Song Contest 2025

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

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist	<b>Marianna Kłos</b>
Title	<b><i>Brightest Light</i></b>
Language	Polish, English
Composers	Music: Brajan Litkowiec, Jacek Mrówczyński, Jakub Laszuk, Jeremi Siejka, Krzysztof Junak / Lyrics: Jeremi Siejka, Paula Roma
Song Description	<i>Brightest Light</i> reminds the listener that everyone carries a wonderful spark within them, so they should never be afraid to embrace their inner strength and chase their dreams.

Artist Profile	Runner-up on the most recent series of <i>The Voice Kids</i> in Poland, twelve-year-old Marianna hails from Warsaw.
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Selection Process	For the first time since 2018, Polish broadcaster TVP decided to select their artist for Junior Eurovision via an internal selection, skipping the popular <i>Szansa na sukces</i> .
Date Selected	Artist Announced: 1 June Song Released: 31 October

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2003
Years Competed	2003-2004, 2016 – present
No. of JESC (incl 2025)	12
Best Position	1st (2018, 2019)
Finishing Position 2024	12th place, 61 points
Artist & Song 2024	Dominik Arim, <i>All Together</i>
Host Venue	Gliwice 2019, Warsaw 2020

## Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Justyna Steczkowska, <i>Gaja</i>
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# PORTUGAL

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist	<b>Inês Gonçalves</b>
Title (Portuguese)	<b><i>Para onde vai o amor?</i></b>
Title (English)	<i>Where does love go?</i>
Language	Portuguese
Composers	Music: Aurora Pinto, Buba Espinho, João Direitinho, Miguel Cristovinho / Lyrics: Aurora Pinto, João Direitinho, Miguel Cristovinho
Song Description	A perfect example of the longing, bittersweet nostalgia that the Portuguese call <i>saudade</i> , the wistful <i>Para onde vai o amor?</i> wonders what happens to love when it can't be seen, and when the ones you love are no longer with us.

Artist Profile	Twelve-year-old Inês comes from Alentejo, and is the most recent winner of <i>The Voice Kids Portugal</i> . She had also appeared on <i>Got Talent Portugal</i> in 2024.
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Selection Process	Portuguese broadcaster RTP gave the ticket to Tbilisi to the winner of <i>The Voice Kids</i> . A song was then commissioned for Inês.
Date Announced	Artist Selection: 13 July Song Reveal: 7 November

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2006
Years Competed	2006-2007, 2017-2019, 2021-present
No. of JESC (incl 2025)	10
Best Position	2nd (2024)
Finishing Position 2024	2nd place, 2013 points
Artist & Song 2024	Victoria Nicole, <i>Esperança</i>
Host Venue	-

## Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Napa, <i>Deslocado</i>
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# SAN MARINO

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artists	<b>Martina CRV</b>
Title	<i>Beyond the Stars</i>
Language	Italian, English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Elisa Gaiotto, Karin Amadori, Nicola Marotta, Valerio Carboni
Song Description	A country-pop song with a breezy, singer-songwriter vibe, <i>Beyond the Stars</i> uses the imagery of sitting on a swingset to express her desire for freedom and self-reliance.

Artist Profile	Despite representing San Marino, twelve-year-old Martina CRV (Cervellin) actually hails from Milan, Italy. She was a semifinalist on <i>The Voice Kids</i> in 2023, and has also taken part in festivals throughout Italy and San Marino.
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Selection Process	Sammarinese broadcaster SMRTV opted for an internal selection for this year's singer and song.
Date Selected	Artist Announced: 8 September Song Reveal: 4 November

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2013
Years Competed	2013-2015, 2024-present
No. of JESC (incl 2025)	5
Best Position	10th (2013)
Finishing Position 2024	17th place, 47 points
Artist & Song 2024	Idols SM, <i>Come noi</i>
Host Venue	-

## Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Gabry Ponte, <i>Tutta l'Italia</i>
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# SPAIN

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist	<b>Gonzalo Pinillos</b>
Title (Spanish)	<i>Érase una vez</i>
Title (English)	<i>Once Upon a Time</i>
Language	Spanish, English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Alejandro Martinez, David Parejo, Gonzalo Pinillos, Luis Ramiro
Song Description	This showstopping number is all about the magic of reading. Whether it's Alice in Wonderland or an Asterix comic, the world of books contains endless possibilities!

Artist Profile	Gonzalo, a fourteen-year-old from Madrid, is an experienced stage performer, with roles in <i>School of Rock</i> and <i>Los Chicos del Coro</i> .
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Selection Process	Spain's song and singer for Junior Eurovision were internally selected.
Date Announced	Artist Announced: 23 July Song Reveal: 6 October

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2003
Years Competed	2003-2006, 2019 - present
No. of JESC (incl 2025)	11
Best Position	1st (2004)
Finishing Position 2024	6th place, 144 points
Artist & Song 2024	Chloe DelaRosa, <i>Como la Lola</i>
Host Venue	Madrid 2024

## Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Melody, <i>Esa diva</i>
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# UKRAINE

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist	<b>Sofia Nersesian</b>
Title (Ukrainian)	<b><i>Motanka (Мотанка)</i></b>
Title (English)	Ragdoll
Language	Ukrainian, English
Composers	Music & Lyrics: Svitlana Tarabarova
Song Description	The danceable <i>Motanka</i> , which highlights Sofia's striking alto vocals, is about a popular traditional Ukrainian ragdoll who is said to be a protector of children. The threads of a <i>motanka</i> are said to glow when their owner is in danger.

Artist Profile	Kyiv-born Sofia, aged 10, attempted to represent Ukraine last year, but won the national final in 2025.
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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	12 October

## Junior Eurovision Song Contest History

Debut	2006
Years Competed	2006 – present
No. of JESC (incl 2025)	20
Best Position	1st (2012)
Finishing Position 2024	3rd place, 203 points
Artist & Song 2024	Artem Kotenko, <i>Hear Me Now</i>
Host Venue	Kyiv 2009 & 2013

## Eurovision Song Contest 2025

Artist/Song	Ziferblat, <i>Bird of Pray</i>
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# Junior Eurovision 2025: By the Numbers

## Who's coming to Tbilisi?

- 18 Nations (one more than last year, following the withdrawal of Estonia and Germany, plus the return of Azerbaijan, Croatia, and Montenegro)

## Who's singing?

- Male Soloists (4): Armenia, Croatia, Italy, Spain
- Female Soloists (13): Albania, Azerbaijan, France, Georgia, Ireland, Malta, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, San Marino, Ukraine
- Duos and Groups (1): Cyprus

## How old are the performers?

- 9: Albania
- 10: Croatia, Ukraine
- 11: France, Georgia, Italy
- 12: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Cyprus (Christos), Malta, Poland, Portugal, San Marino
- 13: Montenegro, North Macedonia
- 14: Cyprus (Rafaella), Ireland, Netherlands, Spain

## How were the performers and songs chosen?

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

## What language will the song be performed in?

- Bilingual (including English): Azerbaijan, Cyprus, Georgia, Italy, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Poland, San Marino, Spain, Ukraine
- Monolingual in English: Malta
- Monolingual in a language other than English: Albania, Armenia, Croatia, France, Ireland, Montenegro, Portugal

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

- Croatia
- Spain

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

- Albania: Adrian Hila wrote Albania's Eurovision songs in 2005 (*Tomorrow I Go*), 2007 (*Hear My Plea*), and 2008 (*Zemrën E Lamë Peng*), as well as Junior Eurovision songs in 2015 (*Dambaje*) and 2016 (*Besoj*).
- Armenia: Composer Lilit Navasardyan also worked on Armenia's 2016 and 2017 Eurovision entries *LoveWave* and *Fly With Me*, as well as *Love*, the Armenian JESC entry in 2015.
- Azerbaijan: Composer Diana Hajieva is the lead singer of the group Dihaj, who represented Azerbaijan at Eurovision in 2017 with *Skeletons*. Furthermore, Mila Miles was one of the composers on the 2024 ESC entry *Özünlə Apar*.
- Croatia: The songwriting team of Ines Prajo and Arjana Kunštek were also on the team that gave us *My Friend* (Croatia 2017) and *Ne Brini* (Bosnia & Herzegovina 2003)

- Cyprus: Pate Barringer, also known as DWB, was also on the songwriting team for 2017 Eurovision entries *Flashlight* (for Poland) and *My Turn* (for Czechia), as well as 2021's *Je Me Casse* for Malta.
- Georgia: This year's entry was written and composed by Giorgi "Giga" Kukhiadnidge, who's been behind the JESC songs for Georgia in 2010 (*Mari Dari*), 2011 (*Candy Music*), 2012 (*Funky Lemonade*), 2013 (*Give Me Your Smile*), 2014 (*Happy Day*), 2015 (*Gabede*), 2016 (*Mzeo*), 2017 (*Voice of the Heart*), 2020 (*You Are Not Alone*), 2021 (*Let's Count the Smiles*), 2022 (*I Believe*), and 2024 (*To My Mom*). In addition, he composed *Echo*, Georgia's song for Eurovision 2023. Co-lyricist Mariam Gvaladze was a member of Candy, and won Junior Eurovision for Georgia in 2011 with *Candy Music*.
- Ireland: Ian James White and Nicky Brennan were on the songwriting team for *Le chéile*, last year's Irish JESC song.
- Malta: Lyricist Destiny Chukunyere won Junior Eurovision for Malta in 2015 with *Not My Soul*, and graduated to Eurovision with 2020's *All of My Love* and 2021's *Je Me Casse*. She's joined by Matt "Muxu" Mercieca, who worked on Maltese JESC entries *The Start* (2013), *Diamonds* (2014), *Not My Soul* (2015), *Parachute* (2016), and *My Home* (2021), as well as Eurovision songs *Warrior* (2015), *Taboo* (2018), and *Serving* (2025). Composer Elton Zarb also worked on *The Start*, *Diamonds*, and *Not My Soul*, as well as *Warrior* at the adult competition.
- Montenegro: Composer Danijel Alibabić was a member of the boy band No Name, who represented a then-united Serbia and Montenegro at Eurovision 2005 with *Zauviek Moja*.
- Netherlands: Elke Tiel was one of the songwriters for Cyprus's Eurovision entries in 2024 (*Liar*) and 2025 (*Shh*).
- North Macedonia: Composer Lazar Cvetkoski worked on North Macedonian JESC entries *Fire* (2019) and *Marathon* (2024), as well as ESC songs *Pred De Se Razdeni* (2013), *To the Sky* (2014), and *Proud* (2019) for the country, as well as *Fall From the Sky*, Albania's intended entry for Eurovision 2020. His sister, lyricist Magdalena Cvetkosvka, also worked on *Fire*, *Marathon*, and *Pred Da Se Razdeni*.
- Portugal: Aurora Pinto and João Direitinho both worked on 2023's *Where I Belong*, Portugal's JESC entry.
- Spain: Alejandro Martínez and David Parejo worked on Spain's JESC entries in 2023 (*Loviu*) and 2024 (*Como la Lola*).
- Ukraine: Svitlana Tarabarova also wrote Ukraine's Junior Eurovision entries *Kvitka* in 2023 and *Hear Me Now* in 2024.

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May the best song win!