

# 10 make final list of Greek Eurovision

**ERT ANNOUNCED THE 10 PERFORMERS WHO WILL COMPETE IN THIS YEAR'S GREEK EUROVISION NATIONAL FINAL**

While we were holidaying over the New Year, Greek broadcasters ERT finally released the 10 official names of the performers that will compete in this year's Greek Eurovision national final.

Among the finalists are **Giorgos Karadimos, Katerine Avgoustakis and pop group Emigre.**

The Greek national final will be televised live late next month, and all artists are expected to sing live at the event.

Katerine

Avgoustakis is a Greek Belgian solo singer who made her singing career debut in 2002. She was a runner up in the 2006 Belgian national final and has enjoyed chart success in Poland, Bulgaria, Belgium and Canada.

Late last year, her name was among the rumours of a national final entry.

Another official entrant for the finals is **Giorgos Alkaios** who has been in the biz for a bit longer.

He started his musical

career in 1989 when he participated in a Greek television casting show. He is known for delivering the audience a distinctive style of music, which combines traditional Greek sounds with Oriental elements.

Music group **Emigre** have grown in popularity in recent years since they collaborated with Greek singer, **Antonis Remos**. Just a few months ago they



**Greek Belgian singer, Katerine Avgoustakis, is one of 10 finalists vying to represent Greece at Eurovision 2010.**

Collaborating with big-name artists in the local industry has definitely boosted their reputation as an admirable pop group.

Another group entrant for this year's final is **Mellises**. The band performed live in Athens on numerous occasions over the festive season and their first music clip has been seen more than 25,000 times on YouTube.

Solo artist **Giorgos Karadimos** was one of the main favourites in the lead up to the

official name confirmation, and he too has made the cut. Karadimos received critical acclaim after collaborating with **Dimitra Galani**.

The singer has only submitted a Greek version of his song 'Me Pnigei Touti I Siopi', which is only performed with Greek lyrics.

**Christos Hatzinasios** is another entrant in the national final. He has been successful in making a real name for himself, having performed with some of the biggest names in the industry such as **Marinella, Antonis Remos, Notis Sfakianakis and Elena Papparizou**.

From one artist with ample experience to another with very little; **Eleftheria Eleftheriou** is next on the list, and is actually a surprise entrant in the finals. She had first appeared on the Greek X Factor talent search show and was only recently voted out.

Eleftheria is quite new to the music scene and it will be interesting to see how she performs on the national final stage.

Getting down to the wire, **Despina Ricci** has also been confirmed as a national final entrant. Ricci's name also circulated the grapevine last year regarding selection to the final.

Ricci is of Greek origin and was born in France. She often performs in a number of languages and has also dabbled in other art forms; acting and dancing in particular.

**Second Skin** is another official entrant. The duet comprises **Sanny Baltzi and Ioanna Metaxa**.

Baltzi has composed songs for various artists in the Greek music industry and now takes to the stage alongside Metaxa.

**Manos Pyrovolakis** has also been selected for the Greek final. The singer has produced four albums and has performed live with some **Elena Paprizou and Paschalis Terzis**. His song entry is called 'An I Agapi'.



also performed live with **Giorgos Mazonakis**.

## Exclusive Interview with Katerine Avgoustakis

*Katerine Avgoustakis is one of the ten candidates that will compete at the Greek final for the selection of the singer to represent Greece at the Oslo Eurovision Song Contest. The Greek-Belgian beauty opened her heart and mind to Evangelos Goulas in a tell-all interview. She talked about the European competition, revealed who her favorite artists are and told us that she is not single anymore.*

• **Which part of Greece are you from?**

I'm half Greek. My father was born in Rhodes and lived there until he was 10.

• **Do you feel Greek?**

Off course!!!!!! I'm really proud to be Greek! In every interview I talk about it. I'm really proud to be half Greek and half Belgian.

• **Who is your favorite Greek artist if you have one?**

I don't know many Greek artists, I live in Belgium and here they don't play Greek music.

• **What are your hobbies?**

I like to spend time with my family and friends, I like to cook, I do sports, I like to go to the spa and relax

• **Who is your favorite European Artist?**

That's a hard question...

My biggest example is Beyonce but she's American.

• **Would you like to share a few projects you've completed that you consider them important?**

The competition **Star Academy** was really fun and I was really happy that the audience voted me as a winner. Also the competition **Stars on Ice** was so exciting to do, I was in the finals and became second. But also a little project with my sisters was really fun to do, it was a music program and we had to sing a song, also there the people voted us in the finals, and the name of our band was "Little August", it's the translation of our last name.

• **Who would you choose as your favorite artist to tour with in Europe and US?**

My favorite artist is Beyonce, but I wouldn't want to be touring with her because I have this ideal picture of her and I don't want it to be destroyed.

• **Who is your favorite artist from the Eurovision contest?**

I think I would have to choose **Abba** and **Celine Dion**.

• **What is the biggest influence when you write your music?**

Love is the biggest influence, feelings...

• **What do you think about Greek men? Do you find them more attractive than other Europeans?**

Greek men are attractive, but other European men can be pretty too. So for me it doesn't matter where the men come from, as long as they're nice.

• **Would you like to move and live in Greece and maybe start a career there?**

That would be great! But I'd have to arrange something special then because I live in Belgium, and I travel a lot to other European countries. I feel really home in Greece so that's a good start, and it always was a dream to live a couple of months a year in Greece and a couple of months in Belgium.

• **Do you currently have someone in your life? What do you think about marriage?**

I believe in marriage if it's with the right person. And I normally don't speak about my private life but I can say that I have a boyfriend

• **Tell me the first line of any lyric that comes to your head at the moment.**

Better treat me like a lady.

