

Eurovision: Greek party; a success

On Saturday we heard Norway, Spain, France, Germany and UK for the first time. This year's contest is for artists with great voices and Norwegian Didrik Solli-Tangen is one of them. He also has a new hair style – longer and a bit curly. It suits him and gives him a more matured look. 12 points to the stylist. I felt in love with a small Spanish “Algo Pequeño”. Daniel Diges and his show were superb!

The German, French and UK entries are still a secret for me, as I haven't heard them yet.

Most of the press and fans seem to be in Oslo by now. Each night there are several parties and it is impossible to join all of them.

On Saturday Georgia celebrated their national holiday and hosted a party at the Opera House. The Polish party took place in another venue.

One of the most popular parties was arranged by the Greek Eurovision fan-club, O-GAE Greece, at the Euro-café. UK's Josh, Bulgarian Miro, the French Jessy Matador, Malta's Thea and many other artists came by and enjoyed the OPA-feeling together with the press and the fans. Of course Giorgos Alkaïos and his Friends performed their song. Antonios Karatzikos, the President of OGAE, was the host and the DJ. Thanks for playing so many of our fa-

Did you know that not only stars like ABBA, Celine Dion, Cliff Richard and Julio Iglesias took part, but also dance act Riverdance thanks its fame to the Eurovision Song Contest?

vorite Greek songs! Around midnight the party continued at the Euro Club.

Eurovision is not only about happiness. I got very sad when I heard that the Swedish singer Anna-Lena Løfgren had died, at an age of 66

years. She participated in Melodifestivalen 1963 (Såg varför”) and 1969 (”Jag vill tro”). For me she was very special as she is the first schlager singer I remember. I got her record “Lyckliga Gatan” when I was 4 years – my first record. Anna-Lena had more than 40 hits on the Swedish chart list between 1962-1995. She was suffering from polio since a child and considering that she had a fantastic career. We will all miss you Anna-Lena.

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Already for 54 years, the Eurovision Song Contest is Europe's favourite TV show.



After more than five decades featuring some 1,100 songs, the contest has become a modern classic, strongly embedded into Europe's collective mind. Read on to find out how it all started over half a century ago...

After 54 years, the database with Eurovision Song Contest facts and figures, stories and anecdotes is huge! A true, die-hard fan knows how many points Luxembourg got in 1980 (56), who came last in 1972



(Malta, with 48 points) and how many times the Netherlands got 12 points in 1996 (once, from Austria). Because no one can expect you to become a living Eurovision Song Contest encyclopedia, Eurovision.tv takes you through the contest's history in fast forward. It's all you need to know before you dive into the rich history of the Eurovision Song Contest...

How it all begun

The European Broadcasting Union (EBU) was formed on 12th February 1950 by 23 broadcasting organisations from Europe and the Mediterranean at a conference in Devon, United Kingdom. It was on the 6th of June, 1954, that Montreux became the venue for the first transmission by the EBU's Eurovision Network of the Narcissus Festival and its flower-bedecked procession floats. The first Eurovision viewers eagerly watched on four million television sets in homes, bars, and shop windows in Germany, Belgium, France, the United Kingdom, Italy, the Netherlands and Switzerland.



Participants list since 1974

Eurovision Song Contest 1974
Marinella Krassi, Thalassa Ke T'agori Mou
Eurovision Song Contest 1976
Mariza Koch Panaghia Mou, Panaghia Mou
Eurovision Song Contest 1977
Pascalis, Marianna, Robert and Bessy Mathema Solfege
Eurovision Song Contest 1978
Tania Tsanaklidou Charlie Chaplin
Eurovision Song Contest 1979
Elpida Socrates
Eurovision Song Contest 1980
Anna Vishy and the Epikouri Autostop
Eurovision Song Contest 1981
Yiannis Dimitras Feggari Kalokerino
Eurovision Song Contest 1983
Christie Stassinopoulou Mou Les
Eurovision Song Contest 1985
Takis Biniaris Miazoume
Eurovision Song Contest 1987
Bang Stop!
Eurovision Song Contest 1988
Aphroditi Fryda Kloun
Eurovision Song Contest 1989
Marianna To Diko Sou Asteri
Eurovision Song Contest 1990
Christos Callow and Wave Horis Skopo
Eurovision Song Contest 1991
Sofia Vossou I Anixi
Eurovision Song Contest 1992
Cleopatra Olou Tou Kosmou I Elpida
Eurovision Song Contest 1993
Katerina Garbi Ellada, Hora Tou Fotos
Eurovision Song Contest 1994
Costas Bigalis and the Sea Lovers

To Trehantiri (diri Diri)
Eurovision Song Contest 1995
Elina Constantopoulou Pia Prosefchi
Eurovision Song Contest 1996
Marianna Efstratiou Emis Forame To Himona Anixiatika
Eurovision Song Contest 1997
Marianna Zorba Horepse
Eurovision Song Contest 1998
Dionysia and Thalassa group Mia Krifi Evaisthissia
Eurovision Song Contest 2001
Antique Die For You
Eurovision Song Contest 2002
Michalis Rakintzis S.A.G.A.P.O.
Eurovision Song Contest 2003
Mando Never Let You Go
Eurovision Song Contest 2004 Semi-Final
Sakis Rouvas Shake It
Eurovision Song Contest 2004 Final
Sakis Rouvas Shake It
Eurovision Song Contest 2005 Final
Helena Paparizou My Number One
Eurovision Song Contest 2006 Final
Anna Vissi Everything
Eurovision Song Contest 2007 Final
Sarbel Yassou Maria
Eurovision Song Contest 2008 Final
Secret Combination
Eurovision Song Contest 2009 Final
Sakis Rouvas
This Is Our Night
Eurovision Song Contest 2010 Semi-Final (1)
Giorgos Alkaïos & Friends
OPA

Giorgos Alkaïos & Friends - OPA

Giorgos Alkaïos is one of the few Greek artists who holds the record for consecutive concerts during the last decade in Cyprus, Germany, England, Canada, Australia and in the USA. Over the years more than 300,000 people have watched Giorgos performing live.

Giorgos Alkaïos is known to non-Greeks as well, due to his appearance in charts around the world.

Outside Greece he is considered as an ethnic artist, and for that he has been invited to perform in prestigious venues.

His song Syrmatoplegma became the anthem of the famous football team Galatasaray, when the team won the transcontinental Cup and the UEFA cup.

His first platinum record abroad came from Sweden, when Antique performed his song Opa-Opa a top hit in charts around Europe.