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Second Semi-Final

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About

When is Eurovision?

The Second Semi-Final will take place on May 14.

Before that:

- May 12 — First Semi-Final

After that:

- May 16 — Final

Who qualifies for the final?

This year, 35 countries are taking part. Five of them automatically qualify for the final:

- members of the Big Five: the United Kingdom, Germany, Italy, France and Spain (Spain is part of the Big Five, but is not participating this year)
- last year's winning country: Austria

We will see performances by these countries in the semi-finals, but since their place in the final is guaranteed, it will not be possible to vote for them.

The remaining 30 participating countries are split evenly between the two semi-finals. 10 of them will qualify for the final from each semi-final.

How does the voting work?

Voting at Eurovision consists of two parts:

- televote
- jury vote

Viewers in each participating country vote for the songs they like. The 10 most popular songs receive points on this scale:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 **8 10 12**

The jury from each country gives votes using the same principle.

Then the televote points and jury points are added together.

The country with the most points wins.

Countries cannot vote for themselves.

In addition, viewers from countries that are not participating in the contest can also vote. Their votes are combined into one separate "country" called "Rest of the World".

What is the Big Five?

The Big Five are the United Kingdom, Germany, Italy, France and Spain. Because these countries make the largest financial contribution to the European Broadcasting Union, which helps fund the production of the show, they automatically qualify for the final.

How do countries choose their songs?

There are two main ways to choose a song:

- National selection, where a contest is held in the country and the winner becomes the country's representative
- Internal selection, where representatives of the national broadcaster / TV channel or a professional jury choose which entry to send as the country's representative



Bulgaria

Competing in semi-final

Qualified

Vote **1**

Artist



Dara

Darina Yotova

b. 1998

Varna

She finished third on Bulgaria's The X Factor in 2015.

She has been a coach on The Voice of Bulgaria since 2021, and her contestants have won 2 of those 4 seasons.

She has released 2 studio albums and more than 30 singles.

Country

Bookies expect:

Qualify **83%** Win **<1%**

Return, last time in 2022

public selection

Song

Bangaranga

English Jamaican Patois

Dark-pop EDM

For Bulgaria, the United Kingdom, and Switzerland, the staging and choreography are directed by Fredrik Rydman, who previously directed Sweden in 2015 ("Heroes", 1st place), Finland in 2023 ("Cha Cha Cha", 2nd place), and Switzerland in 2024 ("The Code", 1st place).

One of the song's co-writers is Dimitris Kontopoulos, who often writes and produces songs for Eurovision, including "Work Your Magic" (Belarus 2007, top 6), "Shady Lady" (Ukraine 2008, top 2), "Hold Me" (Azerbaijan 2013, top 2), "Shine" (Russia 2014, top 7), "You Are the Only One" (Russia 2016, top 3), and "Scream" (Russia 2019, top 3).

Bangaranga

Come alive
Surrender to the blinding lights
No one's gonna sleep tonight
Welcome to the riot
Come alive
Surrender to the blinding lights
No one's gonna sleep tonight
Welcome to the riot (I, I, I, I)

(I'm the bangaran—)
Bangaranga, bangaranga, bangaranga
(I'm the bangaran—)
Bangaranga, bangaranga, bangaranga
(I'm the bangaran—)
Blinding lights
Welcome to the riot (I, I, I, I)
I'm the bangaran—

(I know) I'm the bangaran—

I'm an angel, I'm a demon, I'm a psycho for no reason
I'm a mover, I'm a teaser, I don't follow, I'm the leader
Let me hype ya, hype ya up, let me hype ya up
I'ma, I'ma let you get so hooked, I'ma leave you shook

Come alive
Surrender to the blinding lights
No one's gonna sleep tonight
Welcome to the riot (I, I, I, I)

(I'm the bangaran—)
Bangaranga, bangaranga, bangaranga
(I'm the bangaran—)
Bangaranga, bangaranga, bangaranga
(I'm the bangaran—)
Blinding lights
Welcome to the riot (I, I, I, I)
I'm the bangaran—

(Bangaranga, bangaranga, bangaranga, I'm the bangaran—)
(Bangaranga, bangaranga, bangaranga) I'm the bangaran—
(Bangaranga, bangaranga, bangaranga, I'm the bangaran—)
(Bangaranga, bangaranga, bangaranga; I know) I'm the bangaran—

Close to the edge, I can feel it inside
Bodies on bodies and sparks 'bout to fly
Yeah, I, I
I'm 'bout to lose my mind, mind

(I'm the bangaran—) Bangaranga, bangaranga, bangaranga
(I'm the bangaran—) Bangaranga, bangaranga, bangaranga
(I'm the bangaran— bangaranga, bangaranga, bangaranga) Blinding lights
(I'm the bangaran— bangaranga, bangaranga, bangaranga) Welcome to the riot (I, I, I, I)

I'm a rebel (Rebel), I'm a danger (Danger)
I'm a mover (Mover) for freedom
Let me light you, light you up, let me light you up
Come on, let me pull you in so deep, I'm gon' leave you weak
(I am) I'm the bangaran—

(Bangaranga, bangaranga, bangaranga, I'm the bangaran—)
(Bangaranga, bangaranga, bangaranga) I'm the bangaran—
(Bangaranga, bangaranga, bangaranga, I'm the bangaran—)
(Bangaranga, bangaranga, bangaranga; I know) I'm the bangaran— (Ooh)



Azerbaijan

Competing in semi-final

Not Qualified

Vote **2**

Artist



Jiva

Jamila Hashimova

b. 1982

Moscow, Russia

Winner of The Voice of Azerbaijan in 2025.

Country

Bookies expect:

Qualify 14% Win <1%

- 1x winner
- missed final 3x in a row

internal selection

Song

Just Go

English Azerbaijani

Pop Ballad

Just Go

I carried your love
 Inside my heart each day
 You said our fire
 Would never fade away
 Your name was my dream at night
 Your name when I saw the light
 Oh, I was yours all the way

But now I see through your disguise
 The truth is burning in my eyes

Go, I don't love you anymore
 Go, without you I'll shine
 You know, I'll erase you from my soul
 Go, I don't want to see your face
 Go, no more tears will ever flow
 I'm begging you, just go

You said we'd be forever side by side
 You said our love would never die
 But you fooled me once again
 You played your little game
 You burned the faith I had inside

Now every word feels like a lie
 I'm done, I'm saying goodbye

Go, I don't love you anymore
 Go, without you I'll shine
 You know, I'll erase you from my soul
 Go, I don't want to see your face
 Go, no more tears will ever flow
 I'm begging you, just go

Məni tərk et yoruldum yalanından
 Məni tərk et bezmişəm bu oyundan
 Məni tərk et qurtulum bu alovdan
 Məni tərk et çıx mənim dünyamdan

Go
Go

I carried your love
 Inside my heart each day
 You said our fire
 Would never fade away
 Your name was my dream at night
 Your name when I saw the light
 Oh, I was yours all the way

But now I see through your disguise
 The truth is burning in my eyes

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 Go, without you I'll shine
 You know, I'll erase you from my soul
 Go, I don't want to see your face
 Go, no more tears will ever flow
 I'm begging you, just go

Go, I've had enough of your lies
 Go, I'm sick of this game
 Go, free me from this flame
 Go, get out of my world

Go
Go



Romania

Competing in semi-final

Qualified

Vote **3**

Artist



Alexandra Căpitănescu

b. 2003

Galați

Winner of Vocea României in 2023.

She completed a bachelor's degree in physics and is now pursuing a master's degree in medical physics.

Country

Bookies expect:

Qualify 91% Win 4.3%

Return, last time in 2023

public selection

Song

Choke Me

English

Nu metal

Choke Me

Phantom, you feel like a phantom
Why do you wanna tame me?
It's hard to breathe in
Do you feel me?

Do what I say
And don't you ever betray me
You are here to obey me
Are you not?

All I need is your love
I want it to choke me, choke me, choke me
Born for you to control, I want you to choke me
Ch-ch-ch-choke me, ch-ch-ch-choke me
Love me, make my lungs explode
All I need is your love, I want it to choke me
Ch-ch-ch-choke me, ch-ch-ch-choke me

Choke me
Choke me
Choke me

Save me
Inside I'm blazing
I want you to calm me, calm me, calm me
Calm, my body is begging

Do what I say
And don't you ever betray me
You are here to obey me
Are you not?

All I need is your love
I want it to choke me, choke me, choke me
Born for you to control, I want you to choke me
Ch-ch-ch-choke me, ch-ch-ch-choke me
Love me, make my lungs explode
All I need is your love, I want it to choke me
Ch-ch-ch-choke me, ch-ch-ch-choke me

Choke me
Choke me
Choke me

All I need is your love
I want it to choke me, choke me, choke me
Born for you to control, I want you to choke me
Ch-ch-ch-choke me, ch-ch-ch-choke me
Love me, make my lungs explode
All I need is your love, I want it to choke me
Ch-ch-ch-choke me, ch-ch-ch-choke me



Luxembourg

Competing in semi-final

Not Qualified

Vote **4**

Artist



Eva Marija

Eva Marija Kavaš Puc

b. 2005

📍 Luxembourg City

She was inspired to become a violinist after seeing Alexander Rybak perform at Eurovision in 2009.

Country

Bookies expect:

Qualify **40%** Win **<1%**

- 5x winner
- qualified for final 2x in a row

public selection

In the 20th century, Luxembourg was one of the most successful participants, but from 1995 to 2023 the country was absent from the contest.

Song

Mother Nature

🗣 English

🎵 Pop-folk

Fans have noted the influence of singer Aurora and Birdy's song "Keeping Your Head Up" on the song.

Among the song's co-writers is Thomas Stengaard, a co-writer of "Only Teardrops," the song with which Denmark won Eurovision in 2013.

Kill J, who has previously written many other Eurovision songs, is a co-writer on this year's entries for the United Kingdom, Luxembourg, and San Marino.

Mother Nature

From the start
When all was fun and games
Wasn't hard
But all good things can end
Back when I was younger
I planted a seed under the moonlight
And even when there's thunder
I go back when I wonder, "Who am I?"

From the ground to my skin
As I'm howling at the wind
Dig my roots in the mud
And I lean my head back
Let it out, let it in
Letting go of all my sins
Dig my roots in the mud
And I lean my head back

Mother Nature, she knows
Mother Nature, she knows
I know that
Mother Nature, she knows
Mother Nature, she knows
Mother Nature, she knows

See the leaves
How they grow back again
And I heal
Then learn to love myself again
Even when there's thunder
Oh, I don't have to wonder, "Who am I?"

From the ground to my skin
As I'm howling at the wind
Dig my roots, in the mud
And I lean my head back
Let it out, let it in
Letting go off all my sins
Dig my roots in the mud
And I lean my head back

Mother Nature, she knows
Mother Nature, she knows
I know that
Mother Nature, she knows
Mother Nature, she knows

Oh, oh, oh...
(Mother Nature, she knows)
Mhm, Mother Nature, she knows



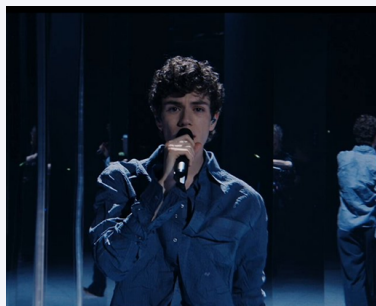
Czechia

Competing in semi-final

Qualified

Vote **5**

Artist



Daniel Zizka

b. 2003

Prague

He studies pop singing and composition at the Jaroslav Ježek Conservatory in Prague.

Country

Bookies expect:

Qualify **71%** Win **<1%**

missed final 2x in a row

internal selection

Song

Crossroads

English

Pop Ballad

Crossroads

Follow a voice unknown
Learn how to swim in open waters on your own
A jar hollow won't reach the ocean floor
Where foreign fields and tangled strings unfold

Mother, I'll get lost without a map
There's too many ways
Inside this vicious spider web
Crossroads, patterns and exceptions interwoven

I'm amazed how well we get unwell
Then trade our pain for metal frame
Oh, I gotta find what's out there

Mother, I'll get lost without a map
There's too many ways
Inside this vicious spider web
Crossroads, patterns and exceptions interwoven

We are creatures wired well for this space
We're the human race
Oh, we try our best to operate on pure love and rage
Ungrateful child in a golden cage
For Mother Earth, man cannot change

Oh, crossroads

Yeah, yeah



France

Big Five

Qualified

Artist



Monroe

Monroe Vata Rigby

b. 2008

• Salt Lake City, USA

The youngest participant this year — she is 17 years old.

Country

Bookies expect:

Win **9.1%**

• 5x winner

internal selection

Song

Regarde !

Look!

French

Orchestral Pop

Classical Crossover

Yes, in French, a space is placed before an exclamation mark.

A distinctive feature of the song is its combination of operatic and pop vocals.

Regarde !

Quand tout s'illumine dans tout Paris
Que les rues se vident, je reste ici

J'ai cherché ton amour
Dans tous les faubourgs
Je chante tous les jours

Regarde-moi, regarde-toi
C'est ça l'amour, ça te foudroie

Regarde-moi, regarde-toi
C'est ça l'amour, tu ne seras jamais perdu

Allez, viens, je peux t'emmener
Là où c'est fort, fort de s'aimer
Allez, viens, tu n'es pas fou
Dans ma poitrine, tu rythmes mon pouls
Allez, viens, sous la pluie battante
Je dirai aux gens qu'il est présent
Je dirai aux femmes, aux hommes, aux enfants
Je dirais au monde, dans chaque chanson

J'ai cherché ton amour
Dans tous les faubourgs
Je chante tous les jours

Regarde-moi, regarde-toi
C'est ça l'amour, ça te foudroie

Regarde-moi, regarde-toi
C'est ça l'amour, tu ne seras jamais perdu

C'est ça l'amour, chut
Il est partout, chut
Il est là, là, là

Regarde-moi, regarde-toi
C'est ça l'amour, ça te foudroie

Regarde-moi

Look!

When everything lights up all across Paris
And the streets fall silent, I stay here

I searched for your love
In every neighborhood
I sing every day

Look at me, look at yourself
That's what love is, it strikes you like lightning

Look at me, look at yourself
That's what love is, you will never be lost

Come on, I can take you
To a place where love burns strong, so strong
Come on, you're not crazy
In my chest, you set the rhythm of my pulse
Come on, under the pouring rain
I'll tell people that it's real
I'll tell the women, the men, the children

I'll tell the world, in every song

I searched for your love
In every neighborhood
I sing every day

Look at me, look at yourself
That's what love is, it strikes you like lightning

Look at me, look at yourself
That's what love is, you will never be lost

That's what love is, hush
It's everywhere, hush
It is there, there, there

Look at me, look at yourself
That's what love is, it strikes you like lightning

Look at me



Armenia

Competing in semi-final

Not Qualified

Vote **6**

Artist



Simón

Simon Hovhannisyan

b. 1994

• Hrazdan

Last year, he finished 2nd in Armenia's national selection, coming first with the jury but losing the televote to Parg.

He has performed at Coba Club in Yerevan.

Country

Bookies expect:

Qualify **50%** Win **<1%**

- qualified for final 4x in a row
- internal selection

Song

Paloma Rumba

English

Pop Pop-rock

Some of the stickers on Simón's clothes were signed by other artists from this year's contest.

The lyrics were written by Rosa Linn, the writer and performer of "Snap" for Armenia in 2022, whose staging also featured a huge number of stickers.

Paloma Rumba

Pa-la-la-la-la
La-la-la-la-la
Pa-la-la-la-la-la

Same old place, familiar faces
Copy paste my days
(Put on a smile and go on)
One last round of kissing the ground
And then I'll be gone for good

Paloma Rumba, let's go
Delete my number burn the phone

Take my chance to finally dance
Away from all the anger
Too much sweat and tears and regrets
'Cause I don't wanna talk about numbers all day long

Paloma Rumba, let's go
Rock this, rock this
Delete my number burn the phone
Rock this, rock this

I'm not a machine just stuck on a wage
In a rage, as a cage with a badge, oh no
Can't take no more, take no more
I'm done for sure, yeah (Put on a smile and go on)
I'm not a robot just playing the part
And I'm losing my heart I'm falling apart
So watch me go steal the show
Like a pro, yeah

This meeting could have been an email
Free coffee won't keep me here man
Can't do this anymore
Already at the door

Paloma Rumba, let's go
Rock this, rock this
Delete my number burn the phone
Rock this, rock this

You ole-ole-ole-ole-fa, Paloma Rumba
You ole-ole-ole-ole-fa, Paloma Rumba
You ole-ole-ole-ole-fa, Paloma Rumba
You ole-ole-ole-ole-fa, Paloma Rumba
Are you ready?

Pa-la-la-la-la (Rock this)
La-la-la-la-la (Rock this)
Pa-la-la-la-la-la
Go, one more time



Switzerland

Competing in semi-final

Not Qualified

Vote **7**

Artist



Veronica Fusaro

b. 1997

Thun

She took part in The Voice of Switzerland in 2014.

She has performed at Glastonbury, as well as opening for Mark Knopfler.

She has released 2 studio albums and 20 singles.

Country

Bookies expect:

Qualify **51%** Win **<1%**

- 3x winner
- qualified for final 5x in a row

internal selection

In 2024, Switzerland won the contest, becoming the leader of the jury vote. A year later, it once again became one of the jury favourites, finishing second, but received no televote points.

Song

Alice

English

Alternative pop Indie rock

Blues-rock

In an interview, Veronika said that the song is about violence against women, and that its title character never gets a chance to say anything: the story is told entirely from someone else's perspective.

For Bulgaria, the United Kingdom, and Switzerland, the staging and choreography are directed by Fredrik Rydman, who previously directed Sweden in 2015 ("Heroes", 1st place), Finland in 2023 ("Cha Cha Cha", 2nd place), and Switzerland in 2024 ("The

Alice

Alice

Your pretty green eyes are magic
My precious prize, I've studied your ways
The way you behave
Can I spill my secrets to you?

Alice

Let me inside, I promise
I'll be polite, no, I won't make mess
Why you looking so stressed?
Just let me talk to you

I've been watching you

I know you really, really love me, don't lie
Know you gotta, gotta give it some time
So honey, don't cry
Honey, don't cry

Alice

Don't you be scared, be honest
I live in your head, oh, I'm lonely too
This world's been so cruel
I've been here waiting for you

Alice

Stop knocking on that door, don't panic
Lay low on the floor, you're safe in my arms
No, I'd never harm a hair on your head because

I'm in love with you

I know you really, really love me, don't lie
Only gotta, gotta give it some time
So honey, don't cry
Honey, don't cry
'Cause I know you really, really love me inside
Only gotta, gotta give it some time
So honey, don't cry
Honey, don't cry

Alice

The light in my life has vanished
Please open your eyes, why are you turning cold
From feather to stone? Baby, don't leave me alone



Cyprus

Competing in semi-final

Qualified

Vote **8**

Artist



Antigoni

Antigoni Buxton

b. 1996

London, UK

Antigoni's mother is chef Tonia Buxton, who hosts the TV shows My Greek Kitchen and My Cypriot Kitchen.

Antigoni took part in the reality show Love Island.

She studied at the BRIT School and began her music career by uploading tracks to SoundCloud and, later, YouTube.

She has already released more than 20 singles.

Country

Bookies expect:

Qualify 83% Win 2.0%

internal selection

Traditionally, Cyprus almost always gives 12 points to Greece.

Song

Jalla

More

English Cypriot Greek

Dance-Pop

The song features Cypriot instruments such as the lute and the çifteli.

Jalla

I'm dancing on the table, baby
Shake my hips to τσιφτετέλι
And they want jalla

Follow me into the music
Let's dance the night away
I want to play with the rhythm
Moving left, right
And κούνα το κορμί σου
Shake your shoulders, hips, too
Tick-tacka, one, two
Let your body move

Hear the beat of the drum, got you feeling alive
Melody of the song got you hypnotized
Getting lost in the rhythm, but it's never enough
Might just have you falling in love
Oh, they want

Jalla, jalla, they want jalla (Jalla, jalla)
Jalla, jalla, they want jalla (Jalla, jalla)
I'm dancing on the table, baby
Shake my hips to τσιφτετέλι
Jalla, jalla, they want jalla, jalla
Jalla, jalla, jalla

Όπα, όπα, έλα, jalla
Όπα, όπα, έλα, jalla

Κόρη μου, κόρη μου
Σάστου τζιαι φύαμεν

Let 'em stare
If they're watching, they got eyes for me
We don't care
If they're talking, άηστους να λαλούν
Εννά τα πούν, εννά τα πούν (Woo)
Τζι' άηστους τους να λαλούν
Εννά τα πουν, εννά τα πουν, πουν, πουν

Hear the beat of the drum, got you feeling alive
Melody of the song got you hypnotized
Getting lost in the rhythm, but it's never enough
Might just have you falling in love
Oh, they want

Jalla, jalla, they want jalla (Jalla, jalla)
Jalla, jalla, they want jalla (Jalla, jalla)
I'm dancing on the table, baby
Shake my hips to τσιφτετέλι
Jalla, jalla, they want jalla, jalla
Jalla, jalla, jalla

Όπα, όπα, έλα, jalla
Όπα, όπα, έλα, jalla

Jalla, jalla, they want jalla (Jalla, jalla)
Jalla, jalla, they want jalla (Jalla, jalla)
You want more?

Oh-oh, oh-oh
Jalla, jalla
Jalla, jalla
Jalla, jalla
Jalla
Jalla

They want jalla, jalla, they want jalla (Jalla, jalla)
Jalla, jalla, they want jalla (Jalla, jalla)
I'm dancing on the table, baby
Shake my hips to τσιφτετέλι
Jalla, jalla, they want

More

I'm dancing on the table, baby
Shake my hips to tsifteteli
And they want jalla

Follow me into the music
Let's dance the night away
I want to play with the rhythm
Moving left, right
And move your body
Shake your shoulders, hips, too
Tick-tacka, one, two
Let your body move

Hear the beat of the drum, got you feeling alive
Melody of the song got you hypnotized
Getting lost in the rhythm, but it's never enough
Might just have you falling in love
Oh, they want

More, more, they want more (More, more)
More, more, they want more (More, more)
I'm dancing on the table, baby
Shake my hips to tsifteteli
More, more, they want more, more
More, more, more

Opa, opa, c'mon, more
Opa, opa, c'mon, more

Hey girl, hey girl
Come on, let's go

Let 'em stare
If they're watching, they got eyes for me
We don't care
If they're talking, let them keep talking
Let them say it, let them say it (Woo)
And let them talk
Let them say it, let them say it, say it, say it

Hear the beat of the drum, got you feeling alive
Melody of the song got you hypnotized
Getting lost in the rhythm, but it's never enough
Might just have you falling in love
Oh, they want

More, more, they want more (More, more)
More, more, they want more (More, more)
I'm dancing on the table, baby
Shake my hips to tsifteteli
More, more, they want more, more
More, more, more

Opa, opa, c'mon, more
Opa, opa, c'mon, more

More, more, they want more (More, more)
More, more, they want more (More, more)
You want more?

Oh-oh, oh-oh
More, more
More, more
More, more
More
More

They want more, more, they want more (More, more)
More, more, they want more (More, more)
I'm dancing on the table, baby
Shake my hips to tsifteteli
More, more, they want

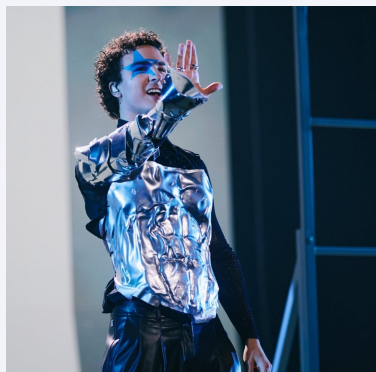


Austria

Eurovision host



Artist



Cosmó

Benjamin Gedeon

b. 2006

📍 Budapest, Hungary

→ Halbturn, Austria

One of the youngest participants in this year's contest.

He reached the final of Germany's The Voice Kids in 2022, where he sang two Frank Sinatra songs.

Country

Bookies expect:

Win <1%

- 3x winner
- qualified for final 3x in a row

public selection

Austria won the contest last year, finishing first in the jury vote. This year, Austria is hosting Eurovision in Vienna.

Song

Tanzschein

Dance License

🇩🇪 German

🎵 Dance-Pop

The idea for the song came when Cosmó went to a club and saw that nobody was dancing.

Tanzschein

Steh' vor dem Club (Ey), bin schon gespannt
Sag, hast du Lust auf einen Tanz?
Wir treten ein, mh, auf der Suche nach Ekstase
Doch hinterm Neonlichterschein liegt eine Tier-Oase
Und der Löwe versucht's bei einer Gazelle
Der Hunger macht ihn böse und er rückt ihr auf die Pelle
Im Gehege geht er durch wie eine Säge
Ist bekanntlich nicht romantisch, er steht nicht aufs
Gerede

Ey, ey, das kann doch gar nicht wahr sein
Die machen sich zum Affen und Tänzer seh' ich gar
kein'n
Ey, ey, ich hätt eine Idee, ein Konzept
Ja, das wär einfach perfekt

Sie brauchen einen Tanzschein, da muss ich streng sein
Weil ohne Tanzschein, lass ich Sie nicht rein
Hab'n Sie einen Tanzschein? Das soll kein Witz sein
Weil ohne Tanzschein, da komm'n Sie nicht rein

Ich schließ die Augen, dann bin ich Clubbesitzer
Und auf der schwarzen Liste steh'n die Steroidenspritzer
Und auch wenn sie nur bell'n und eigentlich gar nicht
beißen
Das ist hier die Regel, Hunde müssen draußen bleiben

Ey, ey, so kann es jeden Tag sein
Wir tanzen durch die Nacht und Löwen seh' ich gar
kein'n
Ey, ey, draußen macht sich wer zum Affen
Doch der Türsteher sagt mit einem Lachen

Sie brauchen einen Tanzschein, da muss ich streng sein
Weil ohne Tanzschein, lass ich Sie nicht rein
Hab'n Sie einen Tanzschein? Das soll kein Witz sein
Weil ohne Tanzschein, da komm'n Sie nicht rein

Der Gorilla in der Ecke träumt von seiner Pirouette
Er scheut sich vor den Blicken, die die Artgenossen
schicken
Ich nehm ihn an der Hand, ja, bildet einen Gang
Wir schau'n uns in die Augen und jetzt fang'n wir an

Ey, ey, ey, ey, du kannst mir vertrau'n
Ey, ey, ey, ey, hier ist alles erlaubt
Oh, oh-oh, oh
Wir hab'n uns doch lang genug versteckt

Und alle wollen einen Tanzschein, sie wollen wie wir sein

Doch ohne Tanzschein werden sie Tiere bleiben
Hab'n Sie einen Tanzschein? Das soll kein Witz sein
Weil ohne Tanzschein, da komm'n Sie nicht rein

Dance License

I'm standing by the club (Ay), I'm already excited
Tell me, do you wanna dance?
We enter, mm, in search of ecstasy
But behind the neon lights there's an animal oasis
And the lion tries it on a gazelle
Hunger makes him angry, and he gets on her nerves
He cuts through the enclosure like a saw
He's known as non-romantic, and he also doesn't like the
talk

Ay, ay, that can't be true
They act like monkeys, and I don't see any dancers

Ay, ay, I have an idea, a concept
Yeah, that'd be just perfect

You need a dance license, I have to be strict about that
'Cause without a dance license, I won't let you in
Do you have a dance license? This isn't a joke
'Cause without a dance license, you can't come in

I close my eyes, then I'm a club owner
And the steroid injectors are blacklisted
And even if they just bark and don't actually bite

There's a rule that says that dogs must stay outside

Ay, ay, this can be like that every day
We're dancing through the night and I don't see any
lions

Ay, ay, someone's acting like a monkey
But the bouncer says with a laugh

You need a dance license, I have to be strict about that
'Cause without a dance license, I won't let you in
Do you have a dance license? This isn't a joke
'Cause without a dance license, you can't come in

The gorilla in the corner is dreaming of his pirouette
He shies away from the looks that his kinsmen send

I'll take him by the hand, yes, let's have a walk
We'll look into each other's eyes and now let's get it
started

Ay, ay, ay, ay, you can trust me
Ay, ay, ay, ay, everything's allowed here
Oh, oh-oh, oh
We've been hiding long enough

And everyone wants a dance license, they want to be
like us

But without a dance license, they'll remain animals
Do you have a dance license? This isn't a joke
'Cause without a dance license, you can't come in



Latvia

Competing in semi-final

Not Qualified

Vote 9

Artist



Atvara

Liene Atvara

b. 1993

Liepāja

The singer's debut single reached several million views on TikTok.

In addition to her music career, she worked as an English teacher and marketer.

Country

Bookies expect:

Qualify 45% Win <1%

- 1x winner
- qualified for final 2x in a row

public selection

Song

Ēnā

In the shade

Latvian

Indie pop Ballad

Ēnā

Tik daudz silta aukstiem ļaudīm dots
Bet pie tuviem atnāc iztukšots

Citu acīm skaisti izgleznots
Bet viens piliens pārvērš Tēvi toņos melnbal-
tos

Un tā lēnām, lēnām kļūsti mēmāks
Lēni lēnām, lēnām paliec ēnā

Tu domā vēlāk, vēlāk nedaudz vēlāk
Un tā lēnām, lēnām paliec ēnā

Meitiņ klusē, veļu necilā
Šonakt tētis mājās nepārnāks
Rīt ar smaidu glāzi skandinās

Sliksim kopā šaubu atvarā

Un tā lēnām, lēnām kļūsti mēmāks
Lēni lēnām, lēnām paliec ēnā
Tu domā vēlāk, vēlāk nedaudz vēlāk
Un tā lēnām, lēnām paliec ēnā

(Lēnām, lēnām)
(Lēnām, lēnām)

Lēnām, lēnām paliec ēnā

In the shade

So much warmth is given to cold ones
Yet when you reach the close ones, you arrive
emptied

In others' eyes you're painted beautifully
But a single water drop can turn you black
and white

And so slowly, slowly you grow more silent
Slowly, slowly, slowly you fade into the shad-
ows

You think "Later, later, a little later"
And so slowly, slowly you fade into the shad-
ows

Daughter, keep quiet, don't stir the veils
Today father will not come home
Tomorrow with a smile the glasses will be
raised
Together we'll drown in the whirlpool of doubt

And so slowly, slowly you grow more silent
Slowly, slowly, slowly you fade into shadow
You think "Later, later, a little later"
And so slowly, slowly you fade into shadow

(Slowly, slowly)
(Slowly, slowly)

Slowly, slowly you fade into shadow



Denmark

Competing in semi-final

Qualified

Vote 10

Artist



Søren Torpegaard Lund

b. 1998

📍 Gudme

→ Oure

🌈 Gay

Søren's symbol is the kingfisher.

Country

Bookies expect:

Qualify 99% Win 12%

• 3x winner

public selection

Last year's Danish representative, Sissal, tried to make it to Eurovision again, but finished 3rd in the national selection.

Song

Før vi går hjem

Before We Go Home

🇩🇰 Danish

🎵 Electropop

Før vi går hjem

Min krop den skriger
Ka' du høre den?
Jeg burde sig' nej
Sagd', det var sidste gang
Men du har mig
Ja, du har mig

Du er så syrlig
Du smelter på min tunge
Helt ustyrlig
Jeg' så freaking dum
Men du har mig
Åh-ja, du har mig

Kys mig, tag mit hjerte, knus det igen
Men please sig, den her aften aldrig vil ende

Vi la'r natten stå i flammer, og glemmer os selv

Holder om hinanden, til vi brænder ihjel
Glemmer at vi vågner, og fortryder igen
Før vi går, før vi går
Før vi går, før vi går hjem

Tror jeg forsvinder
I neonlys og røg
Natten binder
Mig til dine øjne
Sig du har mig
Du har mig, yeah

Kys mig, tag mit hjerte, knus det igen
Men please sig, den her aften aldrig vil ende

Vi la'r natten stå i flammer, og glemmer os selv

Holder om hinanden, til vi brænder ihjel
Glemmer at vi vågner, og fortryder igen
Før vi går, før vi går
Før vi går, før vi går hjem

Kys mig, tag mit hjerte, knus det igen (Knus det igen)

Men please sig, den her aften aldrig vil ende (Før vi går hjem)

Kys mig, tag mit hjerte, knus det igen
Hjertet ved, hva' det vil
Bar' lad det bestemme

Vi la'r natten stå i flammer, og glemmer os selv

Holder om hinanden, til vi brænder ihjel
Glemmer at vi vågner, og fortryder igen
Før vi går, før vi går
Før vi går, før vi går hjem

Vi la'r natten stå i flammer, og glemmer os selv

Holder om hinanden, til vi brænder ihjel
Glemmer at vi vågner, og fortryder igen
Før vi går, før vi går
Før vi går, før vi går hjem

Before We Go Home

My body, it screams,
Can you hear it?
I should say no,
Said it was the last time
But you got me
Yeah, you got me

You are so sour,
You're melting on my tongue
Completely uncontrollable,
I'm so fucking dumb
But you got me
Oh, yeah, you got me

Kiss me, take my heart, break it again
But please tell me that this night will never end

We let the night stand in flames and forget ourselves

Holding onto each other until we burn to death
Forgetting that we wake up and regret it again
Before we go, before we go,
Before we go, before we go home

Think I'll disappear
In neon lights and smoke
The night binds
Me to your eyes
Say you have me
You have me, yeah

Kiss me, take my heart, break it again
But please tell me that this night will never end

We let the night stand in flames and forgetting ourselves

Holding onto each other until we burn to death
Forgetting that we wake up and regret it again
Before we go, before we go,
Before we go, before we go home

Kiss me, take my heart, break it again (Break it again)

But please tell me that this night will never end (Before we go home)

Kiss me, take my heart, break it again
The heart knows what it wants,
Just let it decide

We let the night stand in flames and forgetting ourselves

Holding onto each other until we burn to death
Forgetting that we wake up and regret it again
Before we go, before we go,
Before we go, before we go home

We let the night stand in flames and forgetting ourselves

Holding onto each other until we burn to death
Forgetting that we wake up and regret it again
Before we go, before we go,
Before we go, before we go home



Australia

Competing in semi-final

Qualified

Vote **11**

Artist



Delta Goodrem

b. 1984

📍 Sydney

A participant with one of the most notable music careers before Eurovision.

In 2003, Delta was diagnosed with Hodgkin lymphoma, a rare form of cancer.

That same year, she released an album that is now among the top 10 best-selling albums in Australian history.

7 studio albums, 9 number-one songs in the Australian charts, 3 World Music Awards, 12 ARIA Music Awards...

In 2011–2012, she dated Nick Jonas from the Jonas Brothers.

She has been involved in charity work for 20 years.

She coached emerging stars on The Voice Australia and The Voice Kids.

Country

Bookies expect:

Qualify **99%** Win **7.7%**

• missed final 2x in a row

internal selection

If Australia wins, Eurovision will not be held there, because it would be inconvenient for most European viewers.

Song

Eclipse

🗣️ English

🎵 Pop Power pop

The song was released during an eclipse.

Eclipse

Shadows in the moonlight
Dancing with the sun
Planets are aligning
To love as one
And it won't be long
Till the morning comes
In a sky full of stars
Though our lives were apart
We've only just begun

One touch, one kiss
All my life for a night like this
The world stops for us
Only love exists

When we eclipse
When we eclipse
When we eclipse (Oh-oh-oh-oh)
When we eclipse (Oh-oh, oh-oh)

Call it perfect timing
I call it divine
Gravity is pulling
Your heart to mine
And it won't be long
Till the morning comes
In a sky full of stars,
I am right where you are
Forever's just begun

One touch, one kiss
All my life for a night like this
The world stops for us
Only love exists

When we eclipse (Oh)
When we eclipse
When we eclipse (Oh-oh-oh-oh)
When we eclipse (Oh-oh, oh-oh)

Hey! (Oh, oh)
When we eclipse (Oh)
We are one love

One touch, one kiss
All my life for a night like this
The world stops for us
Only love exists

When we eclipse (Oh-oh-oh-oh)
When we eclipse (Oh-oh-oh-oh)
When we eclipse (Oh-oh-oh-oh)
When we eclipse (Oh-oh-oh-oh)



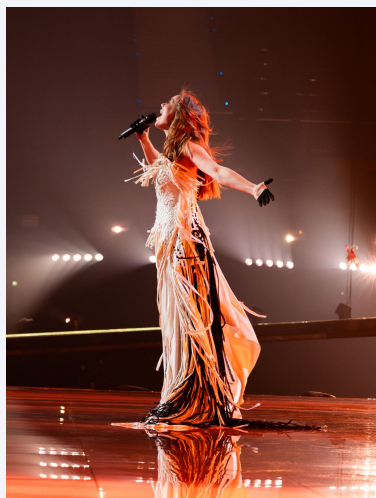
Ukraine

Competing in semi-final

Qualified

Vote **12**

Artist



Leléka

Viktoria Leléka

b. 1990

Shakhtarske

"Leleka" means "stork" in Ukrainian.

Her second musical project is called DONBAËGRL.

Country

Bookies expect:

Qualify 99% Win 2.0%

- 3x winner
- qualified for final 15x in a row

public selection

Ukraine has taken part in 15 semi-finals and has qualified for the final all 15 times.

In the national selection, third place went to singer Jerry Heil, who finished 3rd at Eurovision in 2024 with the song "Teresa & Maria."

Song

Рідним (Ridnym)

To Loved Ones

English Ukrainian

Art pop Folk jazz

The song includes a vocal phrase sung in one breath lasting about 30 seconds — the longest in Eurovision history.

Рідним (Ridnym)

Green into rust
Trust in the change
Everything fades
Be that as it may
Red into dust
Cut from the branch
Leaves in the flames
Nothing is safe

Виш'ю, виш'ю
Виш'ю нову долю
Виш'ю, виш'ю рідним

Найріднішим

When we oppose our fears
And turn all our woes to cheers
I know the roots
Still carry water
When all the seeds we've sown
Blossom and lead us home
We'll see the trees
Grow even taller

Нову долю виш'ю (Виш'ю, виш'ю)

Рідним, найріднішим (Виш'ю, виш'ю)

When we oppose our fears
And turn all our woes to cheers
We'll see the trees grow even taller
Ooh...

When we oppose our fears
And turn all our woes to cheers
I know the roots
Still carry water
When all the seeds we've sown
Blossom and lead us home
We'll see the trees
Grow even taller

To Loved Ones

Green into rust
Trust in the change
Everything fades
Be that as it may
Red into dust
Cut from the branch
Leaves in the flames
Nothing is safe

I'll embroider, I'll embroider
I'll embroider a new destiny
I'll embroider, I'll embroider for my loved ones
For the dearest ones

When we oppose our fears
And turn all our woes to cheers
I know the roots
Still carry water
When all the seeds we've sown
Blossom and lead us home
We'll see the trees
Grow even taller

I'll embroider a new destiny (I'll embroider, I'll embroider)

For my loved ones, for the dearest ones (I'll embroider, I'll embroider)

When we oppose our fears
And turn all our woes to cheers
We'll see the trees grow even taller
Ooh...

When we oppose our fears
And turn all our woes to cheers
I know the roots
Still carry water
When all the seeds we've sown
Blossom and lead us home
We'll see the trees
Grow even taller



Artist



Look Mum No Computer

Sam Battle

b. 1989

Grantham

He has been running a YouTube blog with musical experiments for many years.

Country

Bookies expect:

Win <1%

5x winner

internal selection

In the United Kingdom, the contest has a large fan base, but the country's songs are rarely popular. The phrase "0 points to the United Kingdom" has become a meme.

Song

Eins, Zwei, Drei

English German

Synth-pop

This is the UK's first song in 70 years that is not entirely in English.

For Bulgaria, the United Kingdom, and Switzerland, the staging and choreography are directed by Fredrik Rydman, who previously directed Sweden in 2015 ("Heroes", 1st place), Finland in 2023 ("Cha Cha Cha", 2nd place), and Switzerland in 2024 ("The Code", 1st place).

Kill J, who has previously written many other Eurovision songs, is a co-writer on this year's entries for the United Kingdom, Luxembourg, and San Marino.

Eins, Zwei, Drei

So sick of doing the whole 9 to 5
I pay my dues, I'm just stayin' alive
And I'm so bored of it, bored of it
Oh, what's the point of it, point of it? (Oh, ja, ja, ja)
A paracetamol to quench the pain
The office cubicle has trapped me again
Am I a mouse in a cage, am I
D-d-d-demotivational?

Ah, if only there was a language
That I could count in
That would make me feel better (Oh, ja)

Eins, zwei, drei
Darlin', I need something salty

Eins, zwei, drei
With a slice of pepperoni
I'll pay, you can owe me
That'll be a pony

Eins, zwei, drei
I'm comin' back to life

Eins, zwei, drei
Got me feeling okey-dokey

Eins, zwei, drei
Goodbye drudgery, hello me

So light you can throw me
Kill at karaoke

Eins, zwei, drei
I'm coming back to life

Countin' in English doesn't cut the mustard
So sick of munching roly-poly with custard
I'm so bored with it, bored with it

Oh, what's the point of it, point of it? (Oh, ja, ja, ja)
I've always been a fan of aviation

I'm jumpin' on a plane to another nation
And all my pounds, they feel counterfeit

I need some euros to counter it

Eins, zwei, drei
Darlin', I need something salty

Eins, zwei, drei
With a slice of pepperoni
I'll pay, you can owe me
That'll be a pony

Eins, zwei, drei
I'm comin' back to life

Eins, zwei, drei
Got me feeling okey-dokey

Eins, zwei, drei
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Kill at karaoke

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I'm comin' back to life

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Darlin', I need something salty

Eins, zwei, drei
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I'm comin' back to life

Eins, zwei, drei
Darlin', I need something salty

Eins, zwei, drei
With a slice of pepperoni
I'll pay, you can owe me
That'll be a pony

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I'm comin' back to life

Eins, zwei, drei
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Kill at karaoke

Eins, zwei, drei
I'm coming back to life



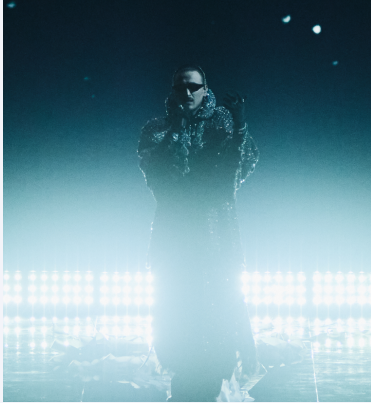
Albania

Competing in semi-final

Qualified

Vote **13**

Artist



Alis

Alis Kallaçi

b. 2002

Shkodër

Won the Albanian X Factor in 2024.

Country

Bookies expect:

Qualify 74% Win <1%

public selection

Song

Nân

Mother

Albanian

Pop Ballad

The song is accompanied entirely by English subtitles, even though this was still prohibited just a few years ago.

Nân

Ta dish se nana po ju pret
E nana ju po ju përcjell
Nana në prag aty ngel në derë
Dy javë, dy vjet, iku kjo verë

Zemra po dhemb
E lotin mezi po e mban
Ju tash po ikni
Do qani pak
Do harroheni
Për jetë ma t'mirë, e di

E në na duket shohim hijet
Në korridor ecin me vrap
Dëgjojmë zërat
Hala n'oborr

E qeshun me t'madhe
Hap dritaren e
Askush nuk asht aty
Marr t'shtroj për t'fjet
N'divana e n'tokë
Baj za
Askush s'përgjigjet

Ta dish se nana po ju pret
E nana ju po ju përcjell
Nana në prag aty ngel në derë
Dy javë, dy vjet, iku kjo verë

Rri e kujtoj
Kët' vend që dikur s'pat qetësi
Rrëmujë e ngrohtë
Gjithë librat n'tokë
Shpejt u ba ftohtë, shkretinë e plotë

Ta dish se nana po ju pret
E nana ju po ju përcjell
Nana në prag aty ngel në derë
Dy javë, dy vjet, iku kjo verë

Ta dish se nana po ju pret
E nana ju po ju përcjell
Nana në prag aty ngel në derë
Dy javë, dy vjet, iku kjo verë

Ta dish se nana po ju pret
E nana ju po ju përcjell
Nana në prag aty ngel në derë
Dy javë, dy vjet, iku kjo verë

Kur po vjen, moj nan?
Se malli m'than
Po mos u mërzit
Nana ka me t'prit

Mother

Know that Mother waits for you
She waves you down the road
Still standing at the doorway
As two weeks, two years, this summer, too,
is gone

My heart is aching
I can barely hold the tears
Now you are leaving
You will cry a little
Then forget
For a better life, I know

We still see your shadows
Running down the hall,
And we hear your voices
Echo softly in the yard

A great big laugh I hear,
I open up the window
But no one's there.
I make the beds
On sofas and the floor,
I call your names,
No one answers.

Know that Mother waits for you
She waves you down the road
Still standing at the doorway
As two weeks, two years, this summer, too,
is gone

I sit remembering this place
Once it never slept in peace
Warm messy living,
Books on the floor
Suddenly it turned cold, a desert remains

Know that Mother waits for you
She waves you down the road
Still standing at the doorway
As two weeks, two years, this summer, too,
is gone

Know that Mother waits for you
She waves you down the road
Still standing at the doorway
As two weeks, two years, this summer, too,
is gone

Know that Mother waits for you
She waves you down the road
Still standing at the doorway
As two weeks, two years, this summer, too,
is gone

When are you coming my child?
This longing burns inside
But worry not,
Mother will be waiting for you



Malta

Competing in semi-final

Qualified

Vote **14**

Artist



Aidan

Aidan Cassar

b. 1999

Žejtun

For a long time, he tried to get to Eurovision for Malta:

- in 2015, he took part in Junior Eurovision
- in 2018, he finished fourth in the national selection
- in 2020, he wrote a song for Junior Eurovision
- in 2022, he came second in the selection
- in 2023, he was disqualified

Country

Bookies expect:

Qualify 80% Win 5.3%

public selection

Song

Bella

Beautiful

English Maltese

Pop Ballad

During the promotional campaign, a large number of billboards across Europe were bought, featuring the singer and a call to vote for the song.

One of the song's co-writers is Sarah Bonnici, who represented Malta at Eurovision 2014.

Bella

Hello, my friend, is it the end?
I don't recall the time you said goodbye
Hello, my friend, I'm feeling blue
I gave it all, you took me by surprise

What if our worlds align again?
Right by the summer sky, my friend
I hope you know it's fun to love again
And if you're feeling cold tonight
I'll meet you here now, don't be shy

Che bella, jien hawn għadni nistenna
I'll keep holding onto you
After all of this time it's you, and only you
Bella, forsi taħseb ftit fija
All the nights that you danced with me
By the sea, they're calling me
Che bella

Bella, bella, bella, bella

Bella, bella, bella

Bella, bella

After all this time it is you

Ma che bella, bella, bella

Bella, bella, bella, ah

What if our worlds align again?
Right by the summer sky, my friend
I hope you know it's fun to love again
And if you're feeling cold tonight
I'll meet you here now, don't be shy

Che bella, jien hawn għadni nistenna
I'll keep holding onto you
After all of this time it's you, and only you
Miskin min hu bħali, miskin min hu hekk

Irbaħtli l-battalja, int Jean la Valette

U tliftli kull sens, qed inħoss id-dinja ddrur bija

Che bella, u ħallejtni nistenna
I'll keep holding onto you
After all of this time it's you, and only...
Che bella

Beautiful

Hello, my friend, is it the end?
I don't recall the time you said goodbye
Hello, my friend, I'm feeling blue
I gave it all, you took me by surprise

What if our worlds align again?
Right by the summer sky, my friend
I hope you know it's fun to love again
And if you're feeling cold tonight
I'll meet you here now, don't be shy

What a beauty, I'm still here waiting
I'll keep holding onto you
After all of this time it's you, and only you
Beauty, maybe you think of me a little
All the nights that you danced with me
By the sea, they're calling me
What a beauty

Beauty, beauty, beauty, beauty

Beauty, beauty, beauty

Beauty, beauty

After all this time it is you

Oh, what a beauty, beauty, beauty

Beauty, beauty, beauty, ah

What if our worlds align again?
Right by the summer sky, my friend
I hope you know it's fun to love again
And if you're feeling cold tonight
I'll meet you here now, don't be shy

What a beauty, I'm still here waiting
I'll keep holding onto you
After all of this time it's you, and only you
Pity the one who is like me, pity the one who is like this

You won the battle against me, you are Jean la Valette

And I've lost all sense, I feel the world spinning around me

What a beauty, and you left me waiting
I'll keep holding onto you

After all of this time it's you, and only...
What a beauty



Norway

Competing in semi-final

Qualified

Vote **15**

Artist



Jonas Lovv

He reached the semi-final of The Voice - Norges beste stemme in 2025.

Country

Bookies expect:

Qualify **80%** Win **<1%**

- 3x winner
 - qualified for final 8x in a row
- public selection

This year, Norway could have been represented by Alexander Rybak, the winner of the 2009 contest. However, this time he finished only second in the national selection.

Song

Ya Ya Ya

English

Pop

Ya Ya Ya

(Ah, ya-ya-ya-ya)
(Ah, ya-ya-ya-ya)

You've been thinking 'bout love, how it got you so low
Baby I'm an animal, I got no self control
Left it right all over you and your pretty clothes

I-I-I, I-I-I-I, I got some broken bones
I-I-I, I-I-I-I, I know it won't let go ya-ya-ya-ya
Won't let go ya-ya-ya-ya

Pretty little liar, put your makeup on ya-ya-ya-ya
Bang bang like you want it, like you know I'm gonna love it
Bang bang goes that broken heart
Bleeding right all over me until I fall apart

I-I-I, I-I-I-I, I got some broken bones
I-I-I, I-I-I-I, I know it won't let go ya-ya-ya-ya
Won't let go ya-ya-ya-ya

(Ah, ya-ya-ya-ya)
(Ya-ya-ya-ya-ya-ya)
(Ya-ya-ya-ya-ya-ya-ya)

Go, ya-ya-ya-ya
Won't let go (Ya-ya-ya-ya-ya-ya)
Ya-ya-ya-ya
(Ya-ya-ya-ya-ya-ya)
(Ya-ya-ya-ya-ya-ya-ya)