

# 101 Amazing Facts About the Eurovision Song Contest

The Eurovision Song Contest is one of the most popular and iconic music competitions in the world. First held in 1956, the contest has been broadcast to over 100 countries and has produced some of the most iconic songs in pop music history.

Here are 101 amazing facts about the Eurovision Song Contest:



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1. The Eurovision Song Contest was created by the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) as a way to bring European countries together through music.
2. The first Eurovision Song Contest was held in Lugano, Switzerland, on May 24, 1956.

3. Seven countries participated in the first contest: Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, and Switzerland.
4. The first winner of the Eurovision Song Contest was Lys Assia of Switzerland with the song "Refrain".
5. The most successful country in the Eurovision Song Contest is Ireland, with seven wins.
6. The most successful song in the Eurovision Song Contest is "Waterloo" by ABBA, which won in 1974.
7. The Eurovision Song Contest has been held in 28 different cities in 23 different countries.
8. The largest Eurovision Song Contest audience was 600 million viewers in 2014.
9. The smallest Eurovision Song Contest audience was 1 million viewers in 1956.
10. The Eurovision Song Contest is the longest-running annual international music competition in the world.
11. The Eurovision Song Contest has been won by a total of 27 different countries.
12. The Eurovision Song Contest has been hosted by a total of 44 different presenters.
13. The Eurovision Song Contest has been broadcast in over 100 different languages.
14. The Eurovision Song Contest has been the subject of numerous books, articles, and documentaries.

15. The Eurovision Song Contest has been parodied in numerous television shows and movies.
16. The Eurovision Song Contest has been credited with helping to break down cultural barriers between European countries.
17. The Eurovision Song Contest has been praised for its diversity and inclusivity.
18. The Eurovision Song Contest has been criticized for its commercialism and political bias.
19. The Eurovision Song Contest has been the subject of numerous controversies.
20. The Eurovision Song Contest is a global phenomenon that continues to captivate audiences around the world.

**Here are some additional facts about the Eurovision Song Contest:**

- The Eurovision Song Contest is not a popularity contest. The winner is chosen by a jury of music professionals from each participating country.
- The Eurovision Song Contest is a very competitive contest. Only the top 10 songs from each country qualify for the final.
- The Eurovision Song Contest is a very expensive contest. The host country typically spends millions of dollars on staging the event.
- The Eurovision Song Contest is a very political contest. Some countries have been accused of using the contest to promote their political agendas.

- The Eurovision Song Contest is a very controversial contest. There have been numerous scandals and controversies surrounding the contest over the years.

Despite the controversies, the Eurovision Song Contest remains one of the most popular and iconic music competitions in the world. It is a unique event that brings together people from all over Europe to celebrate music and culture.

### **Here are some of the most iconic moments in Eurovision Song Contest history:**

- ABBA's victory in 1974 with the song "Waterloo".
- Celine Dion's victory in 1988 with the song "Ne partez pas sans moi".
- Loreen's victory in 2012 with the song "Euphoria".
- Conchita Wurst's victory in 2014 with the song "Rise Like a Phoenix".
- Måneskin's victory in 2021 with the song "Zitti e buoni".

The Eurovision Song Contest is a truly global phenomenon. It is a



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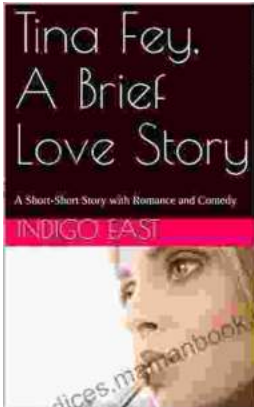
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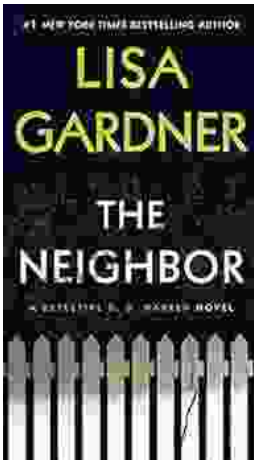
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