
Austria's JJ Triumphs at Eurovision 2025 with 'Wasted Love'

Description

Austria has achieved its third victory in the illustrious Eurovision Song Contest, captivating audiences with a remarkable grand final held in Switzerland. The distinguished singer JJ garnered acclaim for the operatic pop ballad "Wasted Love," which resonated deeply with the continent's voters.

This poignant composition, showcasing the astonishing vocal prowess of the Austrian-Filipino talent, was performed amidst a spectacular staging that evoked a shipwreck metaphor, leaving the audience in Basel spellbound. This triumph marks Austria's first win since the iconic Conchita Wurst's celebrated victory in 2014.

Israel secured a commendable second place, with performer Yuval Raphael—an unwavering survivor of the October 7 Hamas attacks—garnering substantial support for her rendition of "New Day Will Rise." Estonia followed closely in third place, while San Marino occupied the last position on the leaderboard.

Prior to the final, JJ expressed to CNN: "I feel immensely humbled and honored that the artistic endeavor I am presenting has been embraced so warmly. This is the genre of music I aspire to continue crafting."

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"This past year has been extremely arduous for me, and I wished to articulate my personal experiences with unrequited love," he remarked. "Should I emerge victorious this Saturday, I would likely experience an overwhelming surge of emotion, leading to tears and an immediate call to my family."

The Eurovision grand final stands as a pivotal occasion within the LGBTQ+ calendar, drawing widespread interest across Europe and presenting a diverse array of talented, eccentric performers.

The stage featured an entrancing Latvian ethno-pop band, whose enchanting melody intertwined folk chants with fairytale imagery, a Ukrainian glam rock ensemble, a distinctive Estonian artist engaging Italian coffee culture, and an Albanian duo whose haunting piece "Zjerm" became a fan favorite.

Although organizers maintain that Eurovision is a politically neutral event, its history is riddled with political tensions. The exclusion of Russia and Belarus followed the invasion of Ukraine, while segments of the fanbase voiced dissent against Israel's participation due to the ongoing conflict in Gaza.

Raphael performed before an arena where Palestinian flags were visible, following a policy change instituted by the European Broadcasting Union (EBU). During her performance, an incident occurred wherein a man and woman attempted to breach the stage, leading to a minor disturbance. Fortunately, no serious injuries were reported among crew members, as confirmed by the EBU.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Illustrious** /ɪˈlʌs.tri.əs/ (adjective): Well-known and respected for past achievements.
2. **Acclaim** /əˈkleɪm/ (verb): To praise enthusiastically and publicly.
3. **Poignant** /ˈpɔɪ.njənt/ (adjective): Evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret.
4. **Metaphor** /ˈmetəˌfɔːr/ (noun): A figure of speech in which a word or phrase is applied to an object or action to which it is not literally applicable.
5. **Surge** /sɜːrdʒ/ (noun): A sudden powerful forward or upward movement.
6. **Breach** /briːtʃ/ (verb): To make a gap in and break through (a barrier).

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. Which country achieved its third victory in the Eurovision Song Contest?

Option: Austria

Option: Israel

Option: Estonia



Option: San Marino

2. Who won the Eurovision Song Contest with the song

Option: JJ

Option: Yuval Raphael

Option: Conchita Wurst

Option: Zjerm

3. What metaphor was evoked through the staging of the performance in Basel?

Option: Shipwreck

Option: Rainbow

Option: Fire

Option: Ice

4. Which country occupied the last position on the Eurovision leaderboard?

Option: San Marino

Option: Estonia

Option: Israel

Option: Austria

5. What genre of music does JJ aspire to continue crafting?

Option: Operatic pop

Option: Rap

Option: Jazz

Option: Rock

6. What event is the Eurovision grand final considered within the LGBTQ+ calendar?

Option: Pivotal

Option: Insignificant

Option: Controversial

Option: Unnoticed

True-False

7. Israel won the Eurovision Song Contest.

8. The exclusion of Russia and Belarus from Eurovision followed the invasion of Ukraine.



9. Segments of the fanbase voiced dissent against Estonia's participation in Eurovision.
10. A minor disturbance occurred during Raphael's performance on stage.
11. The European Broadcasting Union confirmed no serious injuries among crew members during the disturbance.
12. JJ mentioned that he wished to articulate his personal experiences with requited love in his song.

Gap-Fill

14. JJ expressed his feelings to CNN prior to the final, mentioning that the past year had been extremely _____ for him.
15. The exclusion of Russia and Belarus from Eurovision followed the invasion of _____.
16. Raphael performed before an arena where Palestinian flags were visible, following a policy change instituted by the _____.
17. The Eurovision grand final is said to draw widespread interest across Europe and present a diverse array of _____ performers.
18. The history of Eurovision is riddled with political _____.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Austria 2. JJ 3. Shipwreck 4. San Marino 5. Operatic pop 6. Pivotal

True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. True 11. True 12. False

Gap-Fill: 14. arduous 15. Ukraine 16. European Broadcasting Union (EBU) 17. eccentric 18. tensions

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)



1. Which of the following words best describes a person who is highly distinguished or famous?
Option: Incisive
Option: Vehement
Option: Illustrious
Option: Derogatory
2. What term is used to describe creating a lasting impression or effect?
Option: Emblem
Option: Resonate
Option: Allegation
Option: Pivotal
3. Which word means to hold something dear or valued?
Option: Nuanced
Option: Cherished
Option: Exploitation
Option: Triumph
4. What term is used to describe formal complaints or objections?
Option: Elation
Option: Grievances
Option: Surge
Option: Tribute
5. Which term refers to a minor wrongdoing or offense?
Option: Arrest
Option: Misdemeanor
Option: Disorderly
Option: Intervention
6. Which word means the action of becoming involved in a situation to alter its course or improve its outcome?
Option: Incisive
Option: Denunciation
Option: Intervention
Option: Manipulate
7. What term refers to enthusiastic approval or public praise for someone or something?
Option: Acclaim
Option: Pivotal
Option: Tribute
Option: Derogatory



8. Which term means showing a critical or disrespectful attitude?

- Option: Allegation
- Option: Derogatory
- Option: Exploitation
- Option: Surge

9. What word best describes a great victory or achievement?

- Option: Incisive
- Option: Triumph
- Option: Cherished
- Option: Emblem

10. Which term means having deep insight or understanding?

- Option: Profound
- Option: Nuanced
- Option: Tribute
- Option: Elation

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. His _____ denunciation of the government policies impressed the audience.
12. The national flag is an important _____ of a country's identity.
13. Some individuals try to _____ others for their personal gain.
14. The ceremony was a heartfelt _____ to the achievements of the leaders.
15. There was a sudden _____ in the number of visitors to the museum after the renovation.
16. The police are investigating the _____ of corruption within the company.
17. Her _____ analysis of the situation helped to resolve the issue quickly.
18. The meeting played a _____ role in determining the future direction of the project.
19. The company was accused of unfair _____ of its workers.



20. The government announced plans for the _____ of the old railway tracks.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The film's ending left many viewers in tears.
22. Hiking on the narrow icy path was extremely dangerous and .
23. The family heirloom was a possession passed down for generations.
24. Winning the championship brought them a sense of and joy.
25. The public of the corrupt officials led to their resignation.
26. The soldier fought bravely despite being outnumbered.
27. The police made an after the suspect was caught on camera stealing.
28. The fans became after their team lost the match.
29. The author's writing style was so that it appealed to readers of all ages.
30. The dictator used his power to the population into submission.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Illustrious 2. Resonate 3. Cherished 4. Grievances 5. Misdemeanor 6. Intervention 7. Acclaim 8. Derogatory 9. Triumph 10. Profound

Gap-Fill: 11. Vehement 12. Emblem 13. Manipulate 14. Tribute 15. Surge 16. Allegation 17. Incisive 18. Pivotal 19. Exploitation 20. Dismantling

Matching sentence: 1. Poignant 2. Treacherous 3. Cherished 4. Elation 5. Denunciation 6. Embattled 7. Arrest 8. Disorderly 9. Nuanced 10. Coerce

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