

= Eurovision Song Contest 's Greatest Hits =

Eurovision Song Contest 's Greatest Hits (also known as Eurovision 's Greatest Hits) was a live television concert programme organised by the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) and produced by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) to commemorate the Eurovision Song Contest 's 60th anniversary . The concert took place on 31 March 2015 at the Eventim Apollo , in Hammersmith , London . Guy Freeman was the executive producer and Geoff Posner the director , both of whom held the same positions as the last time the BBC hosted the Eurovision Song Contest in 1998 . Simon Proctor was the senior producer and David Arch was the musical director for the concert . Tickets for the event went on sale at 10am on 6 February 2015 .

Graham Norton and Petra Mede hosted the event , which saw fifteen acts from thirteen countries performing their Eurovision entries from yesteryear . During the televised show , video montages for some of the Eurovision Song Contest archives were shown in @-@ between each live performance . The United Kingdom entry for the Eurovision Song Contest 2015 was performed at the concert , but never broadcast on the televised show . Riverdance performed a reprise of their 1994 Eurovision Song Contest interval act as part of the anniversary celebrations .

Several countries confirmed that they would air the delayed broadcast of the concert on various dates that suited the broadcasters scheduling , including Australia , who competed in the Eurovision Song Contest 2015 as a wildcard entry . The host broadcaster , BBC , and Raidió Teilifís Éireann (RTÉ) , simulcast the show on Good Friday , 3 April 2015 . The Dutch broadcaster , AVROTROS , were the first to announce their decision to not broadcast the event . Other countries also announced their decision to decline broadcasting the event , including Luxembourg , who had an act taking part in the event .

= = Location = =

Confirmation was revealed on 3 February 2015 that the concert event were to take place in the Eventim Apollo , in Hammersmith , London . The last time the United Kingdom capital held any Eurovision events was the Eurovision Dance Contest 2007 .

= = Organisation = =

It was announced on 22 October 2014 , that the EBU had agreed with the United Kingdom 's broadcaster , BBC , to produce a special anniversary show to celebrate sixty @-@ years of the Eurovision Song Contest , similar to the show Congratulations : 50 Years of the Eurovision Song Contest which took place in 2005 . The details regarding the title of the show were unknown at the time the announcement was made . >

The EBU later issued the following statement regarding the 60th anniversary : " There are various exciting proposals from member broadcasters on the table to celebrate the 60th anniversary beyond the contest in May , which are currently in the final stages of being evaluated . A decision is expected shortly , so stay tuned ! " . Edgar Böhm , executive producer of the 2015 Eurovision Song Contest said in an interview that the BBC had been chosen to host a special anniversary show . Guy Freeman was appointed as executive producer for the event , assisted by senior producer Simon Proctor , whilst the director was Geoff Posner .

Tickets for the anniversary concert went on sale from 10 : 15am (GMT) on Friday 6 February 2015 via the BBC 's Eurovision website and the official Eurovision Song Contest 's website .

On 3 February 2015 it was announced that Graham Norton and Petra Mede would co @-@ host the concert show . Norton , who co @-@ hosted the Eurovision Dance Contest with Claudia Winkleman in 2007 and 2008 , and is also the current Eurovision commentator for the United Kingdom . Mede was the host for Melodifestivalen 2009 (Swedish national selection show) , as well as host for the Eurovision Song Contest 2013 .

= = Programme = =

The concert was recorded live on 31 March 2015 , at the Eventim Apollo , London ; allowing participating broadcasters the freedom to air the programme on a date and channel that was convenient for their broadcasting schedules . Fifteen artists , representing thirteen countries , consisting of some of Eurovision 's greatest hits , took part in the sixtieth anniversary gala event . The first @-@ ever winner of the contest (in 1956) , Lys Assia , appeared in the audience as a guest of honour . During the broadcast , video montages were shown prior to each entry , showing footage for that particular year 's contest , ending with Eurovision Song Contest footage for the entry that was about to perform on stage . Recap montages of Eurovision entries over the last sixty years , were also broadcast in @-@ between performances . These were as follows :

Electro Velvet performed their United Kingdom in the Eurovision Song Contest 2015 entry , " Still in Love with You " . This performance did not appear on the televised show , but was exclusively done for the audience members of the concert hall itself .

= = = Interval act = = =

It was confirmed on 22 March 2015 that the interval act for Eurovision Song Contest 's Greatest Hits would be Riverdance . The theatrical show consisting mainly of traditional Irish music and dance , and featured Irish dancing champions Jean Butler and Michael Flatley , with a score composed by Limerick native Bill Whelan , originated as an interval performance during the Eurovision Song Contest 1994 .

= = = Performances = = =

Fifteen Eurovision acts from thirteen countries participated in the anniversary concert . Although there were originally fourteen acts confirmed by the BBC , it was later announced on 5 March 2015 that Norway 's Bobbysocks would join the line @-@ up increasing the total to fifteen . Video montages were shown prior to each entry , showing footage for that particular year 's contest , ending with Eurovision Song Contest footage for the entry that was about to perform on stage .

- 1 . ^ Entries performed as a medley .
- 2 . ^ Winning song of the Eurovision Song Contest 1968 , originally performed by Massiel .
- 3 . ^ One of the winning songs of the Eurovision Song Contest 1969 (along with France , Netherlands , and United Kingdom) , and originally performed by Salomé .
- 4 . ^ Originally performed by Mocedades , finishing in 2nd place at the Eurovision Song Contest 1973 .
- 5 . ^ Johnny Logan wrote the song " Why Me ? " , which won the Eurovision Song Contest 1992 , originally performed by Linda Martin .

= = = Reprise performance = = =

A medley of some of the Eurovision Song Contest 's greatest hits were performed in English by all of the participating artists , as a reprise act at the close of the show , including : Anne @-@ Marie David singing Israel 's winning entry of the Eurovision Song Contest 1979 , " Hallelujah " . Swedish trio , Herreys , sang " Nel blu dipinto di blu " , which finished in third place at the 1958 Eurovision for Italy 's Domenico Modugno . Bucks Fizz 's " Making Your Mind Up " , the winning entry for United Kingdom in 1981 , was performed by Bobbysocks . The reprise concluded with Concita Wurst and Dana International leading all of the remaining performers (except Loreen) back on stage to sing ABBA 's Eurovision Song Contest 1974 winning entry , " Waterloo " .

= = International broadcasting = =

As the anniversary concert show was not broadcast live , the participating national broadcasters were able to broadcast the show on a date and channel that was convenient for their broadcasting

schedules . Some broadcasters ? such as Austria and Sweden ? recorded additional links and interviews for their viewers in London .

= = = Commentators = = =

The following countries , listed in order of broadcasting dates , had confirmed that they would broadcast the anniversary show .

= = = Broadcasting unknown = = =

The following list of countries , who are members of the EBU had not announced their plans on whether to broadcast the show .