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Minsk's stage becomes lucky for Junior Eurovision-2010 winner, Vladimir Arzumanyan

# Stars of the future

New world pop stars appear at *Junior Eurovision* in Minsk

Belarus was hosting this most popular contest for young pop performers for the first time, although Belarusian representatives have previously won the event twice. Minsk-Arena — a new sports and cultural facility — hosted the show; it can rival even the Roman Coliseum in scale.

Ten points from Macedonia brought victory to the Armenian performer, allowing him to overtake a Russian duo, singing *Boy and Girl*. Behind by just one point, Russia came second (with 119 points), having received only one point from Macedonia.

Despite his victory, Vladimir views all entrants of *Junior Eurovision* as his friends, rather than former rivals. He admits that he is now good friends with Daniil Kozlov of Belarus and Stefan Roscovan of Moldova. "I enjoy their singing and loved the entries by Serbia and Georgia." According to Vladimir, his stay in the Belarusian capital has left unforgettable impressions. "Minsk is a very beautiful city, which I didn't expect," he notes. He performed his *Mama (Mother)* song at the competition, with his own lyrics and melody.

Vladimir Arzumanyan was born on May 26th, 1998, in Stepanakert, to a family of musical teachers. He studies at the Arts Lyceum, possesses a brown belt in karate and is keen on football. Vladimir began to sing when he was six and performs songs in Armenian, Russian and English.

The Belarusian representative, Daniil Kozlov, 13, from the Brest region's Zhabinka, finished among the top five at *Junior Eurovision*, singing *Muzyki Svet (Music of Light)*.

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