

Event: Eurovision Song Contest Finals 2007

Date: 12 May 2007

Place: Hartwall Arena, Helsinki

Host Broadcaster: Finnish Television YLE

Eurovision Song Contest is the world's longest running song competition, now in its 52nd year. 2007 broke all records with the highest number of competing countries – 42. The production of this live television broadcast to over 200 million viewers requires state-of-the-art lighting and video to create a broadcast unlike any other in the world. For the opening of the Finals, the show opened to atmospheric effects projected onto a Fogscreen, followed by a visual narrative of northern Finland before returning to the live broadcast with Lordi onstage, playing their winning song from Eurovision 2006, "Hard Rock Hallelujah".

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When we first began planning for Eurovision in Helsinki, one of the first products we brought into discussions was Fogscreen. Production Manager Ola Melzig had tried very hard to get it into Eurovision both in 2004 and 2005. But this year it finally worked, I mean, how can you do a Eurovision in Finland without a Fogscreen? It is, after all, a Finnish product!

Finland's host broadcaster YLE loved the idea and we called in Fogscreen personnel to find the best way to use the product during the show. It was decided that the opening of the Finals with Lordi was absolutely perfect. We used the Fogscreen to show visual effects that the camera could actually float right through. It looked absolutely fantastic!"

Mikki Kunttu
Lighting Designer
Eurovision Song Contest 2007



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