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Australia's Jael places third at the Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2018

The ABC congratulates Jael on placing an incredible third at the Junior Eurovision Song Contest 2018, where she shone onstage with a standout performance of her uplifting pop-power anthem *Champion*. Held last night at the Minsk Arena, Belarus, Poland took out the top spot, with France placing second.

The twelve-year-old, whose voice is beyond her years, sang her heart out and made a big impression with the national juries and the online voters. The JESC winner was determined by an online audience vote and by the national juries. Jael came 1st with the national juries, who are made up of three music industry professionals and two children from the 19 other participating countries. From the online votes, Jael received the 9th highest online voting score. Over all, she came third with a total overall score of 201 points. Poland came first with 215 points and France second with 203 points. Jael's performance marks the second time Australia has placed this high since it joined the JESC in 2015, Australia also placed third at last year's event.

"We congratulate Jael on an outstanding, inspiring performance and result. She should be extremely proud of her achievement. She was up against 19 incredible performers but shone through like the star that she is. She's shown herself to be a true champion. The ABC thanks all Australians who voted for Jael. She has a very promising future ahead of her, and we wish her all the best for her future endeavours," said Libbie Doherty, ABC Acting Head of Children's.

Director of Blink TV and Australia's Head of Delegation for Eurovision, Paul Clarke said: "Jael has done so well and touched lots of hearts. I think we can expect great things from her in the future. A very deserving person to represent Australia. Well done Jael, we are all really proud of her."

ABC ME will broadcast Jael's and all the other incredible performances of the JESC competition during a very special family television event on **Monday November 26 at 6pm**.

To see Jael's amazing performance, click [here](#)

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