

A eurovision song swap that excites: Johnny Logan, Lordi and “Motherbeast” Noora Louhimo surprise their fans by making history

Two ESC legends and a metal queen combine the two worlds of music honouring classic Eurovision winner songs “Hold Me Now” and “Hard Rock Hallelujah” which will be released on Friday 15th of May.

The Irish singer and three-time Eurovision winner **Johnny Logan**, the Finnish hard rock artist **Lordi**, winner of the Eurovision Song Contest 2006, and the Finnish award-winning singer “Motherbeast” **Noora Louhimo** are surprising their fans around the world by making history with this amazing collaboration.

Logan is releasing his own pop-rock version of Lordi’s metal rock anthem “**Hard Rock Hallelujah**”. Meanwhile, **Lordi** joins their forces with the singer **Noora Louhimo**, and will release their metal version of **Johnny Logan**’s legendary classic power ballad “**Hold Me Now**”.

The idea emerged during a spontaneous phone call. “*The meeting was scheduled for 15 minutes and then lasted over an hour. We immediately hit it off,*” says **Logan**. The original idea of a duet for the 20th anniversary of **Lordi**’s ESC victory was quickly discarded in favour of a song swap. “*When I heard Lordi’s demo of their winning song tailored to me, I knew right away that I wanted to do it.*”

“We really wanted to do something special to celebrate Lordi’s 20th anniversary of Eurovision victory as well as the 70th anniversary of the whole Eurovision itself. So the outcome are the two Eurovision winning songs as new arrangements, and jumping bravely to other genres while doing so. I rearranged, and also recomposed, ‘Hard Rock Hallelujah’ in the style of what I thought would fit Johnny Logan.” says **Lordi**.



Lordi invited **Noora Louhimo** to join **“Hold Me Now”**: *“I knew we needed some extra kick to the song. Well, that extra kick is „The Motherbeast“ with her mind blowing voice that lifts up this version to a completely new heights.”*



“I am so excited about our collaboration and this new friendship we have created with Lordi in the past few months. In this project I get to fulfill many of my dreams - working with Lordi, working with the legend Johnny Logan, singing a Eurovision winner song, and singing in Heavy Metal style. I love ESC, I love our version and I’m so happy this will be my first release continuing my career as a full-time solo artist.” says **“Motherbeast” Noora Louhimo**.

Boycott prevents Logan from performing in Eurovision

This year, due to the ESC boycott supported by Ireland, **Johnny Logan** cannot appear at the Eurovision Song Contest. *“I would have loved to present the project live as well, but under the current circumstances that’s not possible,”* **Logan** explains. **Lordi**, on the other hand, will be on stage at this year’s competition.

“I’m very happy for Lordi that they are taking part in this special year concerning their anniversary,” **Logan** says, delighted for the Finnish hard rockers.

Logan, who made music history with **“What’s Another Year”** (1980), **“Hold Me Now”** (1987) and **“Why Me”** (1992), recorded his vocals in Copenhagen. *“Hard Rock Hallelujah” had incredible energy from the very first moment,”* says the singer. He was also impressed by the reinterpretation of his own classic: *“Lordi and Noora Louhimo have completely made ‘Hold Me Now’ their own.”*

Noora Louhimo is a Finnish award-winning singer best known for her big raspy powerful voice and amazing outfits as the ex-lead vocalist of a metal band Battle Beast and the character **“Motherbeast”** she created for herself while 13 years being part of the band. She departed the band in December 2025 to pursue her career as a solo artist. Since then her career has taken an outstanding take-off to arenas, touring around Finland, and performing in primetime TV-shows. **Noora Louhimo** is a powerful, unapologetic artist making her art and music in different styles, while using fashion she loves as her armour, and her voice to empower and entertain people. **Louhimo** is currently making her 2nd album to be released in 2027 and a tour will follow celebrating the album and her 20th Anniversary as an artist.

Lordi, whose ESC victory in 2006 brought Finland its first triumph in the competition and took *“Hard Rock Hallelujah”* into the charts across Europe, took over the creative direction. *“The driving force behind the project is clearly Lordi – his idea, his production, his vision,”* **Logan** emphasises. The collaboration developed into a personal connection. *“We share the same dark humour and the same passion for music. This project was simply a unique pleasure. I know I am speaking on behalf of our whole band when I say that we’re both humbled and proud of having both of these iconic voices of their respective genres to collaborate with us. Having Logan and Louhimo joining Lordi on this little anniversary celebration is truly an honor for us.”* praises **Lordi**.

Link to: Lordi & Motherbeast Noora Louhimo - [Hold Me Now](#)

Link to: Johnny Logan - [Hard Rock Hallelujah](#)

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Labelcopy:



Artist: Lordi & Motherbeast Noora Louhimo

Title: Hold me now (Spielzeit: 03:20)

ISRC Audio: DEK192643181

UPC Audio: 04034677431818

Producer: Mr. Lordi

Music&Lyrics: Sean Sherrard

Publisher: Union of the Heart



Artist: Johnny Logan

Title: Hard Rock Hallelujah (Spielzeit: 03:47)

ISRC Audio: DEK192643182

UPC Audio: 04034677431825

Producer: Mr. Lordi

Music&Lyrics: Mr. Lordi

Arrangement: Mr. Lordi, Mr. Kita, Mr. Amen, Miss Awa, Mr. Kalma

Publisher: HMC-Helsinki Music Company OY / MGB Music Publishing Finland OY