

# IT ESC David music teacher

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Former teacher of ESC Winner Måneskin lead singer speaks highly of his former pupil's talent

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Rome teacher Giacomo Campanile, one of the first to spot the talent of Damiano David, the lead singer of Italian band Måneskin that emerged victorious out of the 65th Eurovision Song Contest, spoke emotionally of the young student he first scripted into a school choir in 2014.

Campanile, who teaches religion at the Montale high school in Rome and organises some of its musical activities, first came across Damiano David in 2014 when he invited him to join the school choir he had formed.

Damiano David's talent was evident from Campanile's first interactions with the student, Campanile said, reminiscing about when he belted out an Elton John hit in front of 300 students. The teacher said he did not foresee David reaching nationwide -, and now international -- success as a singer.

Donning eye-liner and wearing German-style breaches, Måneskin frontman Damiano David captured the on-site and television audience of the Eurovision Song Contest with his vivacious and eclectic performance style, entertaining all those watching.

Punk-rock rock band Måneskin beat close contenders from France and Switzerland to victory in the 65th edition of festival bringing Italy to victory for the third time since the contest began in 1955, and for the first time since 1990.

Måneskin's entry, Zitti e buoni (Be Quiet and Behave) was awarded 524 points in the grand final that was hosted in Rotterdam Saturday night.

Damiano David and the other Måneskin band members, all of whom grew up either in Rome or in the Lazio region in which Italian capital city is located, all left their studies in recent years to pursue their musical careers, Campanile said.

The Italian band held the on-site audience rivetted during their bare-chested show. Initially, Måneskin was placed amongst the finalists at fourth place after the jury awarded their votes. The real victory breakthrough

came however after the public votes were calculated into the voting equation, with huge television and radio audience support sending them soaring to top position, leapfrogging over Switzerland’s previous top position.

Måneskin is the first group to win the Eurovision Song Contest since 2006, with the top prize since that year always going to single singers.

Italy today has been forced out of its celebratory following the Eurovision Song Contest and into national mourning after a ski lift fell and killed twelve people neat the Lago Maggiore in northern Italy, according to initial death toll estimates.

# SHOTLIST

VS of Rome (Colliseum and Fori Imperiali Roman ruins)

Set up shot Giacomo Campanile, 60, religion and music teacher at Damiano David’s high school in Rome (Montale high school)

SOT Campanile (Italian)  
“I didn’t expect it. I’ve known Damiano David since 2014, I’ve gotten to know his talent, his charisma when it comes to music and singing. But I didn’t expect him to reach these levels. I have to say that it was a huge surprise for me. I stayed up to the very end to hear the result, and then a huge joy engulfed my heart, I couldn’t sleep all night. This boy, he was part of our choir at the Montale. It was really a marvellous outcome.”

Wide shot Piazza Venezia, Rome

SOT Campanile (Italian)

“I remember once he sang an Elton John song in front of 300 kids in the enormous school hall. There was complete silence. That’s when I realised this boy had real talent, and had a real future when it came to music. He then later, like the other band members, left his studies to dedicate themselves full time to music.”

Set up shot Costanza, 27

VOX POP Costanza (Italian):

“It was a wonderful surprise not just for Italy but for youth in general, it’s a breaking point that signals a great, new evolution for young people’s music.”

Beauty shot of Rome



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