

TransPennine Express unveils Eurovision train that's serenaded on its first journey by singing soprano

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TransPennine Express (TPE) has unveiled a Eurovision wrapped train that will be used by passengers heading to and from the world's biggest singing competition in the host city, Liverpool.

The TPE Nova 2 train, that features a 'Welcome to Liverpool' message along with iconic Eurovision livery, was serenaded by a soprano as it set off on its inaugural journey across the North.

Morgan Carter, a Royal Northern College of Music student and award-winning soprano, ran through their repertoire of operatic classics, entertaining passengers and rail workers as it disembarked from Manchester Airport Station.

TPE, which provides direct services into Liverpool Lime Street from key cities across the north and into Scotland has also installed 'Eurovision Song Zones' at some of its stations across the network for local artists and musicians to show off their talents and entertain passengers waiting on the platform.

Matthew Golton, Managing Director at TPE, said: “We’re delighted that the Eurovision Song Contest is being held in such an iconic northern city that has music running through its veins.

“We’re proud that Liverpool and the UK is stepping up in support of Ukraine and we wanted to get into the rhythm of the musical extravaganza by wrapping one of our Nova 2 trains in Eurovision livery.

“Listening to Morgan serenading the train and passengers as it departed on it’s first journey across the north was a fantastic experience and certainly built the excitement ahead of the main event.”

Morgan Carter, who is completing an intensive Master of Music in Opera Performance at the Royal Northern College of Music said: “It was an absolute honour to perform some of the most iconic soprano arias for passengers boarding the TPE Eurovision train and celebrate the much-loved song contest.

“Watching the train depart whilst serenading it with my performance was truly a special moment.”

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