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ART EXHIBITION

The Art Exhibition, organised by the Ministry of Culture in association with the Fine Arts Association, is being held at the Casemates Exhibition Galleries. The Minister for Culture, The Hon Edwin Reyes officially opened the Exhibition and presented the awards on Wednesday 28th May 2008.

One hundred and nine entries from sixty-six local artists have been submitted.

The Prize winners are: -

First Prize	- £1,500	Gill Welland	<i>'Abstract Rock Formation, St Michael's Cave'</i>
Second Prize	- £500	Christian Hook	<i>'Planet'</i>
Third Prize	- £250	Gino Sanguinetti	<i>'Adoration'</i>

The Alwani Foundation Prize for the Best Gibraltar Theme - £500

Jane Langdon *'South District Blues'*

The AquaGib Prize for the Best Work by a Young Artist - £500

Naomi Martinez *'Thinking Green Living'*

The following received 'Highly Commended' Certificates:

Mark Baglietto	<i>'Cumberland Road'</i>
Mario Finlayson	<i>'Girl in a Box'</i>
Nicholas Ghio	<i>'Genetically Modified'</i>
Stacey Hayes	<i>'Self Portrait'</i>
Bathsheba Peralta	<i>'Market Place'</i>
Tanya Riley	<i>'La Corrida'</i>

Commenting at the Official Opening of the Art Exhibition, the Hon Edwin Reyes said:

'This competitive art exhibition gives us a great opportunity to look at, and enjoy, the talented and skilful works created by Gibraltar's own artists.'

Thanks to their very good working relationship, the Ministry of Culture and the Fine Arts Association continue to work closely in order to secure the best results possible. In events such as a competitive art exhibition there are always those individuals who work quietly and diligently behind the scenes and without whose efforts the standards to which we have grown accustomed to could not be sustained. I must, therefore, not miss this opportunity to express my thanks both to the Association's President and Committee and to the Director and Staff at the Ministry.

This year's Adjudicator is Daniel Candel. Local art lovers have already started to become familiar with Daniel's art work through his winning entry in our International Art Exhibition last November and, more recently, with his solo exhibition at the Fine Arts Gallery. I thank him for having accepted this always-challenging proposal.

I must also express, on behalf of the Ministry and the Fine Arts Association, our gratitude to the Alwani Foundation and AquaGib for their support of the Exhibition by continuing to sponsor the Best Gibraltar Theme and Best Work by a Young Artist awards, respectively.

I trust that everyone; participating artists, residents and visitors alike, will enjoy this year's exhibition, which has now become a reputable annual event thanks to the many, varied and talented contributions from Gibraltar's Fine Arts Fraternity.'

The Exhibition will be open to the public from 29th May to the 13th June 2008, weekdays between 10am and 7pm and Saturdays between 10am and 1pm. Entrance is free.