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## 2018 GIBRALTAR SPRING VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION

The Gibraltar Spring Visual Arts Exhibition, organised by Gibraltar Cultural Services on behalf of the Ministry of Culture, is being held at the Gustavo Bacarisas Gallery from 23<sup>rd</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> June. The Hon Steven Linares, Minister for Culture officially opened the Exhibition and presented the prizes on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018.

A total of one hundred and nineteen entries by thirty three artists have been submitted. International artist Firouz Farman Farmaian carried out the judging in the painting, sculpture, photographic, video and installation categories.

## The Prize winners are:

The Ministry of Culture Award - £3,000	Elliott Kyne	'Native River'
Painting, Drawing, Prints & Digital Painting 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize- £500	Elliott Kyne	'Native River'
Painting, Drawing, Prints & Digital Painting 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize- £250	Paul Cosquieri	'Over Everything'
Sculpture Award - £500	Karl Ullger	'Plastic Landmines'
Photograph Award - £500	Gabriella Martinez	'Once a Couple Always a Couple'
Video Category -£500	Charlene Figueras	'Release The Cord'
Installation Award - £500	Vera Francis	'Awakening'



Best Gibraltar Theme

The Alwani Foundation Award -£1000 Paul Cosquieri 'Pink & Blue Rock'

Best Young Artist

Sovereign Art Foundation Award-£1000 Jacqima Rios 'Nightly'

## The following received 'Highly Commended' Certificates:

Reuben Avellano *'The Magnificent Red Door'*Wanda Bush *'Chilling (Cathedral Square)'* 

Ermelinda Duarte 'Abre La Puerta'

Ermelinda Duarte 'Growth'
Leslie Gaduzo 'Trafalgar'

Stephen Hermida 'Temple of Light'
Rani Meenagh 'Queen Anne's Lace'

Rani Meenagh *'Echinacea'*John Pau *'Rocque D'Or'*Chris-Anne Ullger (Alcantara) *'Silenced'*