



**GOVERNMENT OF GIBRALTAR**  
**MINISTRY FOR CULTURE, HERITAGE, SPORT & LEISURE**  
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**AUTUMN FESTIVAL 2008**

**POETRY COMPETITION**

The Ministry of Culture, in conjunction with The Gibraltar Chronicle and The Department of Education & Training, will hold a Poetry Competition as part of the Autumn Festival.

The competition is open to both Gibraltarians and residents of Gibraltar who may submit a maximum of two original, unpublished works not exceeding 40 lines each.

The Ministry of Culture prize for the Overall Winner is £300 and a trophy.

Additionally, there will be awards to the best entry in each of the following school years:

- A. School Years 4 to 7
- B. School Years 8 to 11
- C. School Years 12 to 13

The winner of each school year group will receive a £50 voucher and a pen, kindly donated by The Gibraltar Chronicle and a trophy donated by the Ministry of Culture. The winning entries will be published in The Gibraltar Chronicle.

Minister for Culture, Edwin Reyes, commented: "Following this year's very successful Spring Festival Short Story Competition, we are continuing to further build on that success and now it is the turn to concentrate on Poetry. The Poetry Competition is, I feel, a good way of making children and adults more active participants in this field. Extending the range of artistic and literary fields already covered this year can only augur well, especially for our youth. I thank The Gibraltar Chronicle for their continued involvement and sponsorship, as well as all at the Department of Education & Training and Schools for their effort and support."

Entry forms and full conditions are available from:

Schools and the Gibraltar College of FE  
The Department of Education & Training, 40 Town Range  
The Ministry of Culture, 310 Main Street

Entries must reach the Ministry of Culture by **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2008**.