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AUTUMN FESTIVAL 2008

35th INTERNATIONAL ART EXHIBITION

The International 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 Tuesday 4th November 2008.

One hundred and twenty-nine artists have submitted a total of two hundred and twenty-nine works.

Mr Gus Cummins, Royal Academician carried out the adjudication.

The Prize winners are: -

		Title
1st Prize	Francisco Macias Cuevas	<i>Grey Saucer</i>
2nd Prize	Mario Finlayson	<i>Rooftops Gib</i>
3rd Prize	Philip Reyes	<i>Myself</i>
Young Artist	Gemma Leppard	<i>Nightmare in Wonderland</i>
Gibraltar Theme	Elliott Kyne	<i>Gibnica</i>

The following received 'Highly Commended' Certificates: -

Chris-Anne Alcantara	<i>The Chronicle Lady</i>
James Banda	<i>Remarkable Journey from Portugal to Gibraltar via Waterloo</i>
Shane Dalmedo	<i>Look at me</i>
Niall Francis	<i>Casemates</i>
Clive Lavagna	<i>The Supreme Court, Gibraltar</i>
Elizabeth MacDonald	<i>Gibraltar & Me</i>
Kane Matto	<i>The Wrath of the Eagle</i>

Bathsheba Peralta

El Socorrista

Keren Spier

Museum Space 1

Jennifer Waterhouse

View from Gaucin

Maggi Wittwer

Vacio Timido

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

'This year's Autumn Festival hosts the 35th edition of the International Art Exhibition. This annual event is eagerly awaited not only by those who love to paint, but also by both serious and relaxed admirers of fine works of art.

I must take this opportunity to thank our local schools for encouraging young artists to enter their resourceful artistic works. I know, through personal first hand experience, how our children have been actively encouraged by their respective art teachers to give of their best in preparation for this Art Competition. It is now up to the Fine Arts Association and the Ministry of Culture to vigorously cultivate their already well established working relationship so as to ensure that a proactive interest in art is promoted amongst all members of our community.

A special thanks goes to this year's Adjudicator, Mr Gus Cummins RA, for undertaking this unenviable task. Such is the nature of competitions that it is not possible to have an unlimited number of prizes; therefore, this makes the Adjudicator's task one which requires the utmost professional and responsible judgement. However, whether an artist wins a particular prize or not, the mere fact that they have exposed their work to constructive criticism from the Adjudicator and General Public alike makes everyone a winner.

I thank everyone concerned for their invaluable contributions in putting this Exhibition together and hope you will all continue to support the Fine Arts in Gibraltar in the manner it so rightly deserves.'

The Exhibition will be open to the public until the 14th November 2008 between 10am and 6pm on weekdays and 10am to 1pm on Saturday. Entrance is free.