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POETRY COMPETITION

The Poetry Competition organised by the Ministry of Culture in conjunction with the Gibraltar Chronicle and the Department of Education and Training has attracted a total of 109 entries. The Minister for Culture, The Hon Edwin Reyes, will present the prizes on 5th November 2008 at 4.30pm at the Charles Hunt Room in the John Mackintosh Hall.

Commenting on the competition Mr. Reyes has said:

“The Poetry Competition was devised last year to incorporate a new element alongside music, theatre, art and other established aspects of the Festivals. Extending the range of artistic and literary fields already covered this year can only augur well, especially for our youth. I am extremely pleased with the high number of entries again this year but, more importantly, with the quality of the entries. I would like to thank everyone involved in this venture, including the Gibraltar Chronicle, the Department of Education and Training and especially the judge, Mr. Charles Durante. However, my biggest personal gratitude goes in particular to the many children who put pen to paper and in doing so allow us to enjoy the fruits of their vivid imagination.”

The Prizewinners are:

| | | <i>Title</i> |
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| Overall Winner: | James McNally | <i>Sylvia Plath, Young Mademoiselle</i> |
| Highly Commended: | Sam Abudarham Jackie Canessa Kailash Noguera Gino Sanguinetti | <i>Time</i> <i>Footprints of Life</i> <i>Fallen Angels On paper</i> <i>A La Pintura</i> |
| Winner Years 4 to 7: | Eve Jones | <i>Lost in Space</i> |
| Highly Commended: | Henry Archer Grace Diane Jackson | <i>Homework</i> <i>Humphrey the Hamster</i> |
| Winner Years 8 to 11: | Evan Wahnnon | <i>Untitled</i> |
| Highly Commended: | Robyn Payas | <i>The Girl</i> |
| Winner Years 12 to 13: | Colin Golt | <i>Like the Fire</i> |
| Highly Commended: | Maddison Brett James McNally | <i>You Are My Sunshine</i> <i>Absolute</i> |

The Overall winner receives a £300 cash prize and a trophy from the Ministry of Culture.

The winner in each school year category receives a £50 voucher and a pen kindly donated by the Gibraltar Chronicle, as well as a trophy donated by the Ministry of Culture. All Highly Commended works receive due certificates. All winning entries are to be published in *The Gibraltar Chronicle*.