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ART COMPETITION FOR YOUNG ARTISTS

The Ministry of Culture, in collaboration with The Fine Arts Association and the Department of Education & Training, will hold an Art Competition for Young Artists in February 2009.

The competition is open to Gibraltarians and any resident of Gibraltar from school years 9 to 13 (or College equivalent) and up to the age of 24 (as at 23rd February 2009) who may submit up to a maximum of two artworks (painting and/or sculpture). Works must be original and not previously entered competitively. Entries will be exhibited at the Casemates Exhibition Galleries from the 23rd February to the 6th March 2009.

Prizes are:	1 st	The Ministry of Culture Purchase Prize	£1,000
	2 nd	The AquaGib Award	£500

Additionally, there will be awards of £500 each, kindly sponsored by The Alwani Foundation, to the best entry in each of the following school year groups:

- A. School Years 9 to 11
- B. School Years 12 to 13

Commenting on the announcement, Minister for Culture Edwin Reyes said:

‘The Ministry of Culture is keen to develop the increasing interest shown by young Gibraltarians in the Fine Arts. Therefore, we have taken the initiative to create a competition exclusively for Young Artists and which I would personally like to see developing into an annual event.

As usual, Gibraltar’s well-established supporters of the Fine Arts like the Alwani Foundation and AquaGib have responded positively and once again agreed to become sponsors of some of the prizes to be awarded.

I wholeheartedly recommend to all parents and teachers to encourage our promising young artists to participate in this special Art Competition, which I am confident should prove to be a great success.’

Entry forms and full conditions are available from:

Comprehensive Schools & Gibraltar College
The Department of Education & Training, 23 Queensway
The Fine Arts Gallery, Casemates
The Arts Centre, Prince Edward’s Road
John Mackintosh Hall, 308 Main Street
Ministry of Culture, 310 Main Street

Closing date for receipt of entries is **Friday 13th February 2009**.