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Ministry for Culture, Heritage, Sport & Leisure
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AUTUMN FESTIVAL 2009 – POETRY COMPETITION

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

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competition is open to all Gibraltarians and residents in Gibraltar, who may submit a maximum of two original and unpublished works not exceeding 40 lines each.

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

Additionally, there will be awards to the best entry received from students 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, both 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.

The Minister for Culture, Heritage, Sport & Leisure, the Hon Edwin Reyes, commented:

“I feel that the Poetry Competition is a great opportunity to make children and adults alike become more active participants in the field of literature. Therefore, I trust many budding poets will rise to the challenge of entering their own original masterpieces in what the Ministry for Culture and the Gibraltar Chronicle hope will become an annual event.

I take this opportunity to thank the Gibraltar Chronicle for their continued involvement and sponsorship, as well as the Director of Education and Training together with his teachers at schools for their unrelenting effort and support.”

Entry forms and full conditions are available from:

- All Gibraltar Government Schools and the Gibraltar College of Further Education.
- The Department of Education & Training
23 Queensway
- The Ministry for Culture
310 Main Street

Entries must reach the Ministry for Culture by **5 pm on Friday 30th October 2009.**