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2012 ANNUAL ART COMPETITION FOR YOUNG ARTISTS

The Ministry of Culture, in collaboration with The Fine Arts Association and the Department of Education & Training, will hold its Annual Art Competition for Young Artists in February 2012.

The competition is open to Gibraltarians and residents of Gibraltar attending school in years 9 to 13 (or College equivalent), as well as to young Gibraltar artists no longer attending school in Gibraltar and aged up to 24 years old as at 13th February 2012. A maximum of two artworks (painting and/or sculpture) may be submitted by each artist. Works must be original and not previously entered competitively, with the exception of non-winning entries in the 2011 Spring Art Competition and 2011 International Art Competition. Entries will be exhibited at the Casemates Exhibition Galleries from the 13th to 24th February 2012.

Prizes to be awarded are:

1 st Prize	The Ministry of Culture Prize *	£1,000
2 nd Prize	The Aquagib Award *	£500

Additionally, there will be awards of £500 each, kindly donated by the Alwani Foundation, to the best entry in each of the following age groups:

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

* All the above listed winning artworks will become the property of the Ministry of Culture.

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

“The Ministry of Culture is keen to develop the increasing interest shown by young Gibraltarians in the Fine Arts. Therefore, we are once again organising a competition exclusively for Young Artists.

I am pleased that Gibraltar's well-established supporters of the Fine Arts, namely the Alwani Foundation and Aquagib, have responded positively and once again agreed to become sponsors in respect of some of the prizes to be awarded.

I wholeheartedly recommend we collectively encourage our promising young artists to participate in this special Art Competition, which I am confident will again prove to be a great success."

Entry forms and full conditions are available from:

- Bayside and Westside Comprehensive Schools
- Gibraltar College of Further Education
- The Department of Education & Training, 23 Queensway
- The Fine Arts Gallery, Casemates
- John Mackintosh Hall, 308 Main Street
- Ministry of Culture, 310 Main Street
- Or via email from: minculture@gibtelecom.net

Entries may be handed in at the Casemates Exhibition Galleries as from Monday 30th January 2012 from 3.30pm to 6pm.

Closing date for receipt of entries is 6pm on **Friday 3rd February 2012.**