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39th INTERNATIONAL ART EXHIBITION 2012

The International Art Exhibition, organised by the Ministry of Culture, in association with the Fine Arts Association is being held at the Gustavo Bacarisas Gallery, Casemates. The Minister for Culture, The Hon Steven Linares officially opened the exhibition and presented the awards on Tuesday 30th October 2012.

One hundred and thirteen artists from Gibraltar, England, Italy and Spain have submitted a total of one hundred and eighty one works.

Mr Gus Cummins, Royal Academician carried out the adjudication.

The Prize winners are:

First Prize	Christian Hook	<i>'Naturaleza Muerta'</i>
Second Prize	Peter Parody	<i>'Vinculo'</i>
Third Prize <i>Superficial'</i>	Alan Perez	<i>'Gravedad'</i>
Best Gibraltar Theme	Ambrose Avellano	<i>'Triumphal Welcome'</i> <i>24th September 1963</i>
Young Artist Prize	Stefan Gonzalez	<i>'El Movimiento'</i>

The following received 'Highly Commended' Certificates: -

Livia Ante	<i>'Window Over Interior 2 '</i>
Derek Duarte	<i>'Repossession'</i>
Stefan Hoare	<i>'A Conversation at Charlie's'</i>
Christian Hook	<i>'Mosque'</i>
Jonathan Huart	<i>'View from the Airfield'</i>
Gabriella Martinez	<i>'Compact'</i>
Claire Olivero	<i>'Motion'</i>
Jorge Sedeño Ruiz	<i>'Espeto de Sardinias'</i>
Michele Stagnetto	<i>'The Refinery'</i>
Karl Ullger	<i>'The Smoke Screen'</i>
Jennifer Watson	<i>'Castle Road'</i>
Sophie Yelverton	<i>'Rock Paper Scissors 2'</i>

Commenting at the Official Opening of the International Art Exhibition, the Hon Steven Linares said:

'The Gibraltar International Art Exhibition is becoming bigger and this year's exhibition has attracted a great number of entries from local and international artists alike, with a healthy range of both amateurs and professionals. I am convinced that the International Art Exhibition will grow to become even bigger as we strive to expand the scope to other countries and therefore be an inspiring experience for everyone to enjoy. The Ministry of Culture has embarked on a mission, which is to export our Art, with this Exhibition being a good tool to measure our quality and standards against other countries.

We must give special thanks to this year's Adjudicator, Gus Cummins, from the Royal Academy for undertaking this task. Thanks must also go to all the artists, the members of the Fine Arts Association, and the Culture Agency staff for their continuous dedication and hard work. Without them this exhibition would not be possible.

Finally, I would like to extend my gratitude to the Bonita Trust for their support and sponsorship for the 'Best Gibraltar Theme' prize.

I hope that everyone will enjoy this year's exhibition.'

The Exhibition is now open to the public until Friday 9th November 2012 between 10.30am and 6.30pm on weekdays and 10.30am and 1.30pm on Saturday. Entrance is free.