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**40th GIBRALTAR INTERNATIONAL
ART EXHIBITION 2013**

The Gibraltar International Art Exhibition, organised by the Ministry of Culture, is being held at the John Mackintosh Hall. The Minister for Culture, The Hon Steven Linares officially opened the Exhibition and presented the awards on Friday 1st November 2013.

One hundred and forty two artists from Gibraltar, France, Russia and Spain have submitted a total of two hundred and forty six works.

Ms Anne Desmet, Royal Academician carried out the adjudication.

The Prize winners are:

First Prize <i>it</i>	Joseph Soleci	<i>'UEFA we finally did</i>
Second Prize	Leslie Gaduzo	<i>'Andrew'</i>
Third Prize	Shane Dalmedo	<i>'The Bird II'</i>
Best Gibraltar Theme	Alan Perez	<i>'Gibraltar View'</i>
Young Artist Prize <i>it.'</i>	Lianne Agius	<i>'Gibraltar as we know</i>

The following received 'Highly Commended' Certificates: -

Pete Mosca	<i>'Casemates Regular'</i>
Christina Rodriguez	<i>'Gibraltar Closed Frontier Demonstration-1979'</i>
Vanessa Wilson	<i>'The Rhythm of Night'</i>
Marc Sylvain	<i>Untitled</i>
Karl Ullger	<i>'11 Lynch's Lane'</i>
Francisco Perez Plata	<i>'Mareoramas I'</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, amateur and professional in their field. 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 and this Exhibition is a good tool to measure our quality and standards with others in different countries.

We must give special thanks to this year's Adjudicator, Anne Desmet 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 Tuesday 12th November 2013 between 9.30am and 9.30pm on weekdays. Entrance is free.