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2017 Gibraltar Spring Festival

Gibraltar Cultural Services, on behalf of the Ministry of Culture, has announced the programme of events for this year's Spring Festival.

The official launch was held this afternoon at the John Mackintosh Hall where the winning entry for the 2017 Spring Festival Logo, designed by Anselmo Torres, winning £300, was displayed, together with all the other entries received.

With 481 entries and the high standards received, the panel decided to grant a further 18 highly commended awards as follows:

Stefano Plantone Manuel Sanchez Rodriguez Stephen Ignacio Austeja Jokubauskyte Klara Kovacs Natalie Caetano Jude Kaitlin Quigley Angelika Bosco Thomas Field Jaylene Gaiviso Zi Yao Chou Jyra Hendrick Katie Soobiah William Keeling	Adult Entry Adult Entry Adult Entry Adult Entry Adult Entry Westside Comprehensive School Westside Comprehensive School Westside Comprehensive School St Joseph's Middle School St Joseph's Middle School Bishop Fitzgerald Middle School Bishop Fitzgerald Middle School St Anne's Middle School Prior Park School Prior Park School St Bernard's Middle School Loreto Convent School
Laura Kodriguez Correa	Loreto Convent School

The Short Story Competition winners were also announced with the following awards presented:

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Adult Category

Winner: Runner-up: Highly Commended:	Jackie Anderson Yvonne Sacarello Rebecca Faller	'Don't Weep for Me' 'Invisible?' 'Jalil's Quest'
Years 12/13 Category		
Winner:	Ana Sharma	'The Silent Death'
Years 8/11 Category		
Winner:	Carmen Anderson	'Just a Phone'

The Minister for Culture, the Hon Steven Linares presented the awards and commenting on the launch of the 2017 Spring Festival, Minister Linares said:

'It gives me a great pleasure to present the full and varied programme of events that comprise this year's Gibraltar Spring Festival. Most of these events have been organised by or on behalf of the Ministry of Culture, whereas others were planned privately and have chosen to come under the Spring Festival umbrella. Regardless of the method of inception and production, they all share one common purpose in promoting the arts and culture within our community.

By forming part of the Spring Festival these entities ensure that for over seven weeks commencing on Monday 1st May with the 'May Day Celebrations' and ending on the Saturday 17th June with the 'World Music Day Celebrations', visitors to the Rock and locals alike, can enjoy an intense period of cultural and other related activities.

I wish you all a most enjoyable and entertaining Spring Festival.'

The full Gibraltar Spring Festival 2017 programme is attached.

For any enquiry please contact Gibraltar Cultural Services, Events Department, on telephone 20067236 or email: <u>info@culture.gi</u>