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## **ART COMPETITION FOR YOUNG ARTISTS 2017**

The Art Competition for Young Artists organised by Gibraltar Cultural Services on behalf of 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 Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

Thirty-Six artists have submitted a total of sixty six works. Local artist Michele Stagnetto carried out the judging.

The Prize winners are:

1<sup>st</sup> The Ministry of Culture Prize - £1000 No.60 Shannen Vinent *"Plastic Surgery"* 

2<sup>nd</sup> The Aquagib Prize- £500 No.19 Kyle Falero *"Snakes"* 

The Alwani Foundation Award School Years 9 – 11 - £500 No.45 Daniella Pitto "Oysters"

The Alwani Foundation Award School Years 12 – 13 - £500 No.59 Axel Villa *"For the Flowers Will Grow"* 

The following received 'Highly Commended' Certificates:

No.42	Nathan Parody	"Close up (Singer)"
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- No.34 Soren Montgomery "I'm Above You"
- No.21 Joel Fernandez "New Shoes"

No.4 Liam Baldachino "Monday Morning at Sundial"

- No.43 Miriam Kristen Perez-Escudero "Late Night Thoughts"
- No.66 Mouetaz Ziani "Alburtuqali"
- No.20 Kyle Falero "Singer Sunset"

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No.6 Liam BaldachinoNo.44 Mariam PintoNo.12 Ryan Brown

"Pipes Study" "Existential Angst" "Golden Rule"

The exhibition will be open to the general public from Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017, weekdays from 9.30am to 9.30pm.