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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:

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

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

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Adult Category

Winner:	Jackie Anderson	<i>'Don't Weep for Me'</i>
Runner-up:	Yvonne Sacarello	<i>'Invisible?'</i>
Highly Commended:	Rebecca Faller	<i>'Jalil's Quest'</i>

Years 12/13 Category

Winner:	Ana Sharma	<i>'The Silent Death'</i>
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Years 8/11 Category

Winner:	Carmen Anderson	<i>'Just a Phone'</i>
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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: info@culture.gi