

Mexico and Latin America.

Last year, one of their songs won second prize in the Andalucian festival and this year another song won the second prize in the same festival and three weeks later won the 12,000 euro first prize in the Tenerife song festival.

Another string to her bow is as author. She has written two children's stories and naturally produced the illustrations. She is also writing a family history primarily at this stage for the members of her family.

Bathsheba is always ready to donate paintings for charity and recently drew some scenes of a garden in South Kensington which were turned into postcards and sold to raise funds for the Royal Marsden Hospital.

She thinks there is so much talent on the Rock in all the disciplines because "we live in a bright colourful Mediterranean city, have blood lines from Spain, the United Kingdom, Morocco, Malta and Italy all of which are mixed together to produce the Gibraltarian".

Her advice to parents of young children is "Buy your children drawing pads and pencils as their early effort can start a life time of appreciation of art. If you see your child spending a large amount of time drawing, never say 'Don't waste our time drawing, get on with learning your tables'. Give a child all the space needed to draw: it will pay a wonderful dividend in later life. Also encourage a child to play any instrument."

Bathsheba's website address is www.gibart-gallery.co.uk ■