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Opening Night of 2017 Malta International Fireworks Festival in Xagħra, Gozo Stage a Great Success

The first night of the Malta International Fireworks Festival, which took place in Xagħra, Gozo on Saturday 22nd April, was a hit amongst the locals, the travelling Maltese and also foreigners. This was the second consecutive year that one of the Fireworks Festival events took place on the sister island.

The Gozitan leg of this festival formed part of the International Pyro Musical Competition, with firework factories from Romania, Czech Republic and Malta taking part. The Romanian factory *TemexSon – Pyro Events Team* kicked off proceedings, followed by an impressive display by *Makalu Fireworks* from Czech Republic. The evening eventually drew to a close with a spectacular display by *Kamra tan-Nar 'Madonna Taç- Ċintura'* from Gudja, Malta.

The MTA reports that feedback received from the general public, participants and all parties involved was extremely positive and augurs well for future Fireworks Festival events in Gozo.

The Malta International Fireworks Festival continues on Friday 28th April in Marsaxlokk before drawing to a close this Saturday 30th April in the majestic setting of the Grand Harbour, Valletta.

The participants at this Friday's event hail from Italy, Croatia and Malta, in the form of *PyroItaly*, *Mirnovac Pirotehnika* and *Kamra tan-Nar Santa Marija (Qrendi)* respectively.

The Grand Finale will start with the presentation of the overall winner at 21:00 by the Hon. Minister for Tourism, Dr Edward Zammit Lewis. The event will conclude with a Grand Finale by *Pyroemotions* from Italy in collaboration with *St Mary Fireworks Factory* from Għaxaq, Malta.

