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### **SAMA-JOHNSTOWN EXHIBITION HIGHLIGHTS PITTSBURGH PHOTOGRAPHER'S BLACK AND WHITE WORKS**

Johnstown – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Johnstown's latest exhibition will offer some familiar sites to the Johnstown community. Opening January 14, *An Industrial Revolution: The Photography of Amelia Patsy* will feature fifty-five gelatin silver prints and cyanotypes chronicling much of Western Pennsylvania's industrial heritage. The exhibition will remain on view through July 6.

Patsy, a resident of Pittsburgh, began working in black and white film photography in 2004. Her hometown of Erie provided a rich industrial landscape, which eventually became the artist's canvas. After receiving a degree in fine arts from Alfred University, Patsy continued her studies abroad in Florence, Italy. Florence also provided the artist an opportunity to broaden her photographic skills by capturing the human condition in black and white. While some of those works are included in *An Industrial Revolution*, the exhibition's primary focus is Western Pennsylvania's industrial history and includes several Johnstown landmarks.

"I was excited when a collection of Amelia Patsy's work was handed to me by our registrar," said SAMA-Johnstown Coordinator Tina Lehman. "The artist's creativity in black and white photography takes the old rusted hulls of industry and transforms them into works of art. This exhibition captures part of America's industrial heritage, and is a perfect fit for an old steel town like Johnstown."

The Museum will host a reception with the artist from 6 to 8 p.m. on April 4. The public is invited free of charge. Reservations are requested by April 1 by calling the Museum at (814) 269-7234.

The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Johnstown is located in the Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Museum is a handicapped-accessible facility and is open to the public free of charge. For more information, please call the Museum or visit [www.sama-art.org](http://www.sama-art.org).

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