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### **SAMA EXHIBITION HIGHLIGHTS RECENT ACQUISITIONS**

Loretto – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Loretto is pleased to announce the opening of its latest exhibition, *Arriving in Style: Recent Acquisitions of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art*. The exhibition, on view April 25 through June 14, features seventy-six paintings, drawings, prints and sculpture by artists of regional and national stature.

Enriched through the generous gifts of artists and collectors, SAMA's permanent collection has grown steadily since the Museum's founding in 1976. From a core collection of sixty-seven objects, SAMA's holdings now number nearly 4,500 paintings, drawings, prints and sculptures, as well as art objects in glass and other media. New and significant donations of art continue to come in regularly, with the last five years being especially noteworthy. Reaching a high point as SAMA celebrated its milestone thirty-fifth anniversary in 2011, this period has seen a plethora of fine works enter the collection.

A number of these works have recently been displayed in notable exhibitions such as *Colleen Browning: A Brush with Magic* and *The Sullivan Family: Legacy Exhibition*. Yet, there remain numerous recent gifts that have yet to be seen by SAMA audiences. In its focus on recent acquisitions, this exhibition seeks to strike a balance between popular favorites and new objects, and in so doing to give a sense of the richness and diversity of the Museum's collections. Highlights include a selection of Old Master prints and drawings, early paintings by Browning, Tibetan thangkas, and contemporary art glass. In addition, there are new works by prominent regional artists including Daniel Burke, Cliff McGuire, Donald M. Robinson and Aileen Zollweg, among others.

The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Loretto is located on the campus of Saint Francis University. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturdays. The Museum is open to the public free of charge. For more information, call the Museum at (814) 472-3920 or visit [www.sama-art.org](http://www.sama-art.org).