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## **SUMMER ART CAMP RETURNS TO LIGONIER MUSEUM**

Ligonier – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley will again offer its popular “The Art of Puppet Theatre” children’s art camp this summer. The exciting, two-week camp is designed for ages 5 through 13. SAMA’s art camps are taught in small, informal groups to foster each child’s creativity, personal growth and interest in the arts.

This year’s puppet theatre camp will focus on the original production, *Year of the Dragon*. The camp offers children an opportunity to create puppets, paint scenery and design costumes and sets while learning theatrical techniques such as character development, vocal dynamics and body movement. On the final day of class, parents and friends are invited to watch the children’s puppet theatre production.

The camp is taught by Laura Opshinsky of the We’re Holden Puppets company. We’re Holden Puppets are directory artists with SAMA and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts with many years of experience producing high-quality puppet theatre performances. The camp will be held from noon to 3 p.m. weekdays from July 16 through 27.

Cost for the camp is \$175 per child, which includes art materials and snacks. Registration requires a \$25 non-refundable deposit and must be made by July 6. For registration or more information, please call the Museum at (724) 238-6015.

The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley is located at One Boucher Lane and Route 711 South in Ligonier. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. weekends. The Museum is a handicapped-accessible facility and is open to the public free of charge. For more information, call the Museum or visit [www.sama-art.org](http://www.sama-art.org).

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