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TWO SUMMER ART CAMPS TO BE HELD AT LIGONIER MUSEUM

Ligonier – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley will offer two art camps this summer. SAMA’s art camps are taught in small, informal groups to foster each child’s creativity, personal growth and interest in the arts.

The Museum’s first camp, *I Heart Art: A Kaleidoscope of Media*, will be held from June 17 through 21. The camp is led by renowned artist Rita Haldeman and will introduce students to a variety of media, including watercolor, tempera paint, soft pastels, and watercolor pencils. Haldeman also will teach children the art of painting *en plein air*. On the final day of camp, the students’ work will be exhibited at the Museum. The camp is designed for ages 6 to 12 and will be held from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$125 per child.

From July 15 through 26, the Museum will return its popular *The Art of Puppet Theatre* camp with professional puppeteer, Laura Opshinsky. Through the camp, children will have the opportunity to create puppets and design scenery, costumes and sets for a puppet theatre production on the final day of camp. The camp is designed for ages 5 to 13 and runs from noon to 3 p.m. Cost is \$175 per child.

Both camps require a \$25 non-refundable deposit with reservation. Reservations must be made by June 7 for *I Heart Art* and July 1 for *The Art of Puppet Theatre*. 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.

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