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### **LORETTO MUSEUM TO HOST *BIENNIAL 2012* RECEPTION**

Loretto – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Loretto will host a reception in celebration of its current exhibition, *Biennial 2012*, from 5 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, December 1. Cost for the reception is \$25 per person or \$20 for SAMA members and *Biennial 2012* artists. Reservations are required by November 28 by calling the Museum at (814) 472-3920.

SAMA's Biennial is a juried exhibition occurring every two years to highlight the very best in regional artistic talent. The Biennial is considered to be one of Pennsylvania's top exhibitions for contemporary local artists, and this year features works in photography, watercolor, wood, oil, clay, steel, bronze, pastel, pencil, acrylic, fiber art, and mixed media, among others. The exhibition, which includes 131 works from nearly 100 artists, will remain on view through January 26, 2013.

Artists' submissions were judged by Jeanne Gleason, Vice Chair of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts and SAMA Trustee Emeritus. Award judging was done by award-winning photographer, Donald M. Robinson.

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. Saturday. The Museum 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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