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**SAMA-LORETTO TO HOST *BIENNIAL 2014* RECEPTION**

Loretto – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Loretto will host a reception in celebration of its current exhibition, *Biennial 2014*, from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, December 5. Cost for the reception is \$25 per person or \$20 for SAMA members and *Biennial 2014* artists. Reservations are required by December 2 by calling the Museum at (814) 472-3920.

SAMA's Biennial is a juried exhibition that highlights 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, glass, bronze, pastel, pencil, acrylic, and mixed media, among others. On view through January 24, 2015, the exhibition includes 116 works from more than 60 artists. Serving as both selection and award juror was J. William Meek, III, director and owner of the Harmon-Meek Gallery in Naples, Florida since 1978.

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).