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SAMA-ALTOONA EXHIBITION FOCUSES ON THE *BIG, BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL*

Altoona – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona is pleased to announce the opening of its latest exhibition, *Big, Bold and Beautiful: The Permanent Collection*. The exhibition opens June 26 and will remain on view through September 19.

Although diverse in subject matter and style, the 25 works in this exhibition each fit the bill of being big, bold and/or beautiful. The exhibition features works by locally, regionally and nationally renowned artists including Abe Ajay, Colleen Browning, Brian Connelly, Carole A. Feuerman, Balcomb Greene, Paul Jenkins, Peter Max, Anna Marie Schnur, and Walasse Ting.

"*Big, Bold and Beautiful* represents some of the best works from our permanent collection," said SAMA-Altoona Coordinator Barbara Hollander. "Our Blair County audience is always enthusiastic when we have an exhibition that is truly eclectic and this show will certainly not disappoint."

When SAMA first opened its doors in 1976, its permanent collection consisted of 47 paintings, sculptures and drawings and a collection of 20 etchings by John Sloan. Since that time, the collection has grown to number more than 4,200 works by some of the nation's preeminent artists, such as Mary Cassatt, Norman Rockwell, Andy Warhol and Grant Wood.

The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona is located in the Brett Building at 1210 Eleventh Avenue. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday. The Museum is a handicapped-accessible facility and is open to the public free of charge. Parking is available in the garage across the street or in metered spots in the lot at the rear of the building. For more information, call the Museum or visit www.sama-art.org.