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SAMA-ALTOONA TO HOST *BLUE MONDAY* IN JULY

Altoona – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona will continue its *Blue Monday* series on July 9. The program, which begins at 6 p.m., will feature music by Tom McCarty with Mountain City Grass and a tour of the Museum's latest exhibition, *From Individual to Universal: The Art of Philip Brulia and Evgeny Krayushkin*. Serving as celebrity bartender for the event is Joe Risbon. Cost is \$20 per person. Please call the Museum at (814) 946-4464 for reservations.

Over the years, *Blue Monday* has developed a strong following throughout the Blair County region. The event combines the best of the region's musical, culinary and fine arts in one setting. Each program includes a light supper and libations while guests listen to some of the area's best musical talent. Additionally, each program highlights the Museum's exhibitions with a gallery tour or an artist presentation.

Tom McCarty has become an annual favorite of the *Blue Monday* audience. His group's repertoire includes a variety of Americana, bluegrass and roots music. Joining McCarty will be Mountain City Grass, a traditional bluegrass group based out of Central Pennsylvania. The group consists of Denny Cerully on vocals and guitar, Katie Cerully on bass and vocals, Ed Decker on guitar and vocals, Dean Berkheimer on banjo, and Jason Dodson on fiddle.

During the event, guests will have the opportunity to view the exhibition, *From Individual to Universal: The Art of Philip Brulia and Evgeny Krayushkin*. On view through August 18, the exhibition features nearly forty works by the two regional artists. Brulia is a master of Magic Realism, and uses the colored pencil to create surrealistic, mystical portraits. Krayushkin, also known as ZheKa, finds light in the darkness and beauty in the most unusual places. His imaginative relief carvings are being exhibited for the first time in this show.

The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona is located in the Brett Building at 1210 Eleventh Avenue. The Museum is a handicapped-accessible facility and is open to the public free of charge. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturdays. Parking is available in the garage

across the street or in the lot at the rear of the building. For more information, please call the Museum or visit www.sama-art.org.

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