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SAMA-ALTOONA TO HOST *BLUE MONDAY* IN MAY

Altoona – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona will host a *Blue Monday* program on May 20. The program, which begins at 6 p.m., will feature music by Stormy and a tour of the Museum's latest exhibitions. 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.

Stormy plays classic melodic rock and pop music from the '60s and '70s, including music by The Beatles, America, and Traffic. The band consists of Charlie Leiden on keyboard; Luke Leiden on percussion and vocals; Mark Montrella on lead vocals and harmonica; and Peter Wolf on guitar, vocals and percussion.

During the event, guests will have the opportunity to view two new exhibitions. *Rostered Artists Revealed*, on view April 26 through August 10, highlights works created by artists rostered with SAMA and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. The exhibition features nearly forty works in a variety of media. Also on view will be *Journey of a Lifetime: The Photography of Christian James*. A Bedford County native now living in Altoona, James is a prolific photographer who has traveled 250,000 miles over the last five years to capture the most picturesque locations throughout the United States and Canada. The exhibition will be on view May 17 through September 7.

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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