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**SAMA-ALTOONA TO COLLABORATE WITH PENN STATE ALTOONA
FOR *BLUE MONDAY***

Altoona – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona will collaborate with Penn State Altoona for its next *Blue Monday* on May 5. The program, which begins at 6 p.m., will feature music by Mountain City Grass and a tour of the Museum’s latest exhibitions, *Rachel DiAndrea: Dog and Pony Show* and *From the Aegean to Altoona: Peter Calaboyias*. 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.

The May *Blue Monday* program will feature the special art installation, *A Seat at the Table*. Created by students of the women’s studies program at Penn State Altoona, the installation consists of thirty-six place settings honoring thirty-six women of consequence from around the world. It is fashioned after the place settings of Judy Chicago, which are currently on display at the Palmer Museum located at Penn State University’s main campus.

Performing at *Blue Monday* will be Mountain City Grass, a traditional bluegrass group based out of Central Pennsylvania. The band consists of Denny Cerully on vocals and guitar, Katie Cerully on bass and vocals, Ed Decker on guitar and vocals, Dean Berkheimer on banjo, Tom McCarty on mandolin and Jason Dodson on fiddle.

During the event, guests will have an opportunity to view the Museum’s two newest exhibitions. *Dog and Pony Show* features forty of DiAndrea’s award-winning animal portraits. The artist is renowned for her ability to capture the unique personality of her subjects. The exhibition will remain on view through August 2. *From the Aegean to Altoona: Peter Calaboyias* features more than fifty works including his popular bronze, aluminum and steel sculpture, as well as several paintings and prints. Calaboyias belongs to a group of American artists with Greek backgrounds who blend their Hellenic past with a creative, contemporary and forceful style. He has achieved international acclaim for his suggestive abstract sculpture. *From the Aegean to Altoona* will remain on view through August 9.

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.