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SAMA-ALTOONA TO CLOSE *BLUE MONDAY* SEASON IN OCTOBER

Altoona – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona will close its 2012 *Blue Monday* season on October 8. The program, which begins at 6 p.m., will feature music by Stormy and a tour of the Museum’s latest exhibition, *Artists in Our Midst: Art in Common Annual Juried Exhibition*. Cost is \$20 per person or \$10 for members of Art in Common. 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. During the 2012 season, the event has climbed to new heights, setting attendance records on multiple occasions. *Blue Monday* 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.

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 the exhibition, *Artists in Our Midst*. On view through January 19, the exhibition features the work of members of Art in Common, an arts organization based in Central Pennsylvania. The exhibition includes 77 works created by 27 local artists and showcases a wide variety of media, including photography, watercolor, wood, acrylic, oil, clay, fiber arts, and mixed media, among others.

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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