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SAMA-ALTOONA TO HOST *BLUE MONDAY* IN SEPTEMBER

Altoona – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona will close out its 2013 *Blue Monday* series on September 16. The program, which begins at 6 p.m., will feature music by Bodacious B and a tour of the Museum's latest exhibitions, *Artists in Our Midst: Art in Common Annual Juried Exhibition* and *Friends, Rogues, and Colleagues: Selections from the Permanent Collection*. Cost is \$20 per person or \$10 for Art in Common members. 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.

Bodacious B is a two-piece acoustic band out of Altoona renowned for their robust, energetic performances. The band's song list is incredibly diverse, featuring numbers by David Allen Coe, Iron Maiden, Elvis Presley, Nirvana, Neil Diamond, and Cheap Trick, to name just a few.

During the event, guests will have the opportunity to view two new exhibitions in the Museum's galleries. *Artists in Our Midst*, on view September 13 through January 11, celebrates the work of members of Art in Common, an arts organization based in Central Pennsylvania. The exhibition features nearly eighty works in a wide variety of media. Also on view will be *Friends, Rogues, and Colleagues: Selections from the Permanent Collection*. On view through January 4, the exhibition showcases an eclectic collection of art created by dozens of the local and regional artists whom SAMA-Altoona Coordinator Barbara Hollander has come to know and befriend over her fifteen years with SAMA. More than thirty-five paintings and photographs will be on view.

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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