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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 2014 *Blue Monday* series on September 15. The program begins at 6 p.m. and will feature a performance by Bodacious B. Cost is \$20 per person or \$14 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 an opportunity to view two new exhibitions in the Museum's galleries. *Artists in Our Midst*, on view August 15 through December 6, celebrates the work of members of Art in Common, an arts organization based in Central Pennsylvania. The exhibition features more than eighty works in a variety of media. Also on view will be *Adam Gundy: We're All Groupies*. A local artist from Lock Haven, Gundy is known for integrating the use of permanent markers and '50s- and '60s-inspired graphics into his posters advertising local live music performances. On view through January 10, the exhibition features forty-one works.

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, call the Museum or visit [www.sama-art.org](http://www.sama-art.org).