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### **ACCLAIMED SCULPTOR TO SPEAK AT ALTOONA MUSEUM**

Altoona – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona will host a Lunch a l'Art program with exhibiting artist Peter Calaboyias on Wednesday, July 23. The program, which begins at noon, includes lunch and a presentation by the artist. Cost is \$15 per person or \$14 for SAMA members. Please call the Museum at (814) 946-4464 for reservations.

Calaboyias, of Pittsburgh, belongs to a group of American artists of Greek background who are able to blend their Hellenic past with a creative, contemporary and forceful style. Over a five-decade career as an artist and craftsman, Calaboyias has achieved international acclaim for his suggestive sculpture. The artist derives much of his imagery from his Greek background, with ancient armor, stories from mythology and other Greek themes as backdrops. His work is currently on view at the Museum in the exhibition *From the Aegean to Altoona: Peter Calaboyias*. On view through August 9, the exhibition features more than fifty works, including the artist's popular aluminum and bronze sculptures, as well as a number of paintings and prints.

Lunch a l'Art programs are offered to encourage a greater understanding of various art forms and movements, as well as foster a deeper appreciation for the exhibitions presented by the Museum.

The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona is located in the Brett Building at 1210 Eleventh Avenue. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday. The Museum is a handicapped-accessible facility and is open to the public free of charge. Parking is available in the garage across the street or in metered spots 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).