

March 30, 2016

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For more information, contact:

Dr. Scott Dimond, Curator for Visual Arts

(207) 504-7651

Travis Mearns, Public Relations Coordinator

(724) 238-6015

**LORETTO MUSEUM TO HOST MAJOR RETROSPECTIVE OF  
PENNSYLVANIA ARTIST**

Loretto – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Loretto is pleased to announce its latest exhibition, *The Light in Nature and Time: Paintings by Fred Danziger*. Opening April 22, this special loan exhibition surveys Danziger's work from his student days in the late 1960s to his mature canvases of the 2010s. The exhibition will remain on view through June 11.

Featuring nearly 60 spectacular paintings, *The Light in Nature and Time* is the result of a collaborative effort on the part of the artist, his many collectors, the James Gallery in Pittsburgh, and SAMA. Personally assembled by Danziger, the exhibition's checklist represents the finest and most important expressions of a career spanning almost five decades and results in one of the most ambitious solo exhibitions ever held at SAMA-Loretto.

A native of Pittsburgh now residing in Philadelphia, Danziger is a contemporary landscape painter of extraordinary talent. Unembarrassed by his love of the beautiful in nature, his compositions range from lushly realistic images of leaves and flowers to sweeping vistas of the Pennsylvania countryside. His work is not a simple homage to the natural world, however. Early on, the artist acquainted himself with modern and postmodern theory, refining his approach to painting through a series of witty still life compositions and other conceptual pieces. The knowledge he gained from this phase of his career has since been applied to his recent work, infusing it with a contemporary sensibility and intelligence that is rare among traditional landscape painters.

Danziger studied art at the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, where he received the Academy's prestigious Cresson and Scheidt scholarships for painting. He also is a recipient of a Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation grant. The artist has staged 18 one-person shows and has been included in more than 100 group shows. Danziger's work is included in many private and public collections, including the Philadelphia Museum of Art, The Asheville Museum of Art, the Wichita Art Museum and others. He is represented by James Gallery in Pittsburgh and Rodger LaPelle Gallery in Philadelphia.

The Museum will celebrate the exhibition with a reception on Saturday, May 14. Danziger will be in attendance, and live music will be provided by The Folkmen. Cost for the reception, which begins at 6 p.m., is \$25 per person or \$22 for SAMA members. Reservations are required by May 7 by calling (814) 472-3920.

The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Loretto is located on the campus of Saint Francis University. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday. The Museum is open to the public free of charge. For more information, call the Museum or visit [www.sama-art.org](http://www.sama-art.org).