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PITTSBURGH ARTIST TO SPEAK AT LUNCH PROGRAM

Ligonier – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley will host a Lunch a l'Art program with exhibiting artist William DeBernardi on Thursday, July 12. The program, which begins at noon, includes lunch and a presentation by the artist. Cost is \$13 or \$12 for SAMA members. Reservations are required by July 6 and can be made by calling the Museum at (724) 238-6015.

Currently on view at the Museum is *People, Places and Things: Works by William DeBernardi*. The exhibition features 136 oil paintings by the renowned Pittsburgh artist. DeBernardi primarily focuses on portraits, still lifes, and nocturnal landscapes. His work highlights a single subject and explores social norms through body language and non-verbal communication, creating significance in ordinary objects and people in everyday situations. The artist's work is executed in rich, realistic detail, with special attention paid to form and expression. The exhibition will remain on view through August 12.

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 Ligonier Valley is located at One Boucher Lane and Route 711 South in Ligonier. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. weekends. The Museum is a handicapped-accessible facility and is open to the public free of charge. For more information, call the Museum or visit www.sama-art.org.

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