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SAMA NAMES EMMA NOONAN MUSEUM COORDINATOR

Ligonier – Emma Noonan of Johnstown has been named Site Coordinator of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley. She assumed the position September 8 after replacing Sommer Toffle, who resigned over the summer due to family reasons. Noonan’s responsibilities at the Museum will include developing exhibitions, organizing community programming, scheduling lectures and events, and working alongside the Museum’s volunteer auxiliary.

“Emma brings a renewed energy and enthusiasm to the Museum and we are so glad to have her as our newest member of the SAMA family,” said Gary Moyer, SAMA Executive Director. “Emma was the unanimous choice of the selection committee, which was comprised of Auxiliary members and SAMA staff. Her art education from Penn State University and her demonstrated experience, particularly her work at the Palmer Museum of Art and Bottleworks, will serve her well as Site Coordinator.”

Noonan is graduate of Pennsylvania State University with a B.A. in art history. While at university, she was the recipient of a scholarship to participate in a Study Abroad trip to Akko, Israel. She has worked as a curatorial assistant at the Palmer Museum of Art in State College, and most recently served as activities director at Bottleworks Ethnic Arts Center in Johnstown. Her duties at the Bottleworks included organizing and facilitating art classes and school tours, training volunteers, and working on the membership campaign.

“I am so happy to be a part of the Museum’s long history, and I can’t wait to do my part to further the legacy of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art,” said Noonan. “This is my dream job, and I am so excited to get started and work alongside people who share my passion for the arts.”

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, please call (724) 238-6015 or visit www.sama-art.org.