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### **INDIANA COUNTY ARTIST TO SPEAK AT SAMA-ALTOONA LUNCH PROGRAM**

Altoona – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona will host a Lunch a l'Art program with artist Julie Bernstein Engelmann on Wednesday, March 13. The program, which begins at noon, includes lunch and a presentation by the artist. Cost is \$13 per person or \$12 for SAMA members. Reservations are required by calling (814) 946-4464.

The program coincides with the Museum's current exhibition, *Julie Bernstein Engelmann: Being Spirit*. The exhibition features approximately thirty-five of the Indiana County artist's brilliantly colored abstract canvases. Engelmann's dramatic paintings are renowned for their lush color and texture and have won many Best of Show awards throughout western Pennsylvania. The exhibition will remain on view through April 20.

Lunch a l'Art programs are offered to encourage a greater understanding of various art forms and movements as well as 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).