

June 12, 2012

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For more information, contact:

Barbara Hollander, SAMA-Altoona Coordinator
(814) 946-4464

Travis Mearns, Public Relations Coordinator
(724) 238-6015

SAMA-ALTOONA EXHIBITION FEATURES TWO REGIONAL ARTISTS

Altoona – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona is pleased to announce the opening of its latest exhibition, *From Individual to Universal: The Art of Philip Brulia and Evgeny Krayushkin*. The exhibition, which features nearly forty works, opens June 29 in the Museum’s George A. and Herbert T. Wolf Gallery and will remain on view through August 18.

In this exhibition, both artists offer a look at the universal and the personal in their art. Brulia’s work is focused on visual detail, with striking individual beauty coupled with well-refined technique. Krayushkin is primarily focused on the intellectual process and uses the technique, relief and visuals for the purpose of conveying a thought and enhancing the story.

Philip Brulia was born in Huntingdon but moved to Altoona during his childhood. He became interested in art early in his life, and later studied it at the Ivy School of Professional Art and Pennsylvania State University. His work has been exhibited and won numerous awards throughout Pennsylvania. The artist is a Signature Member of the Colored Pencil Society of America.

Evgeny Krayushkin, also known as ZheKa, has been writing, drawing, painting and carving for more than two decades; for the past eleven years, the artist has lived in Huntingdon. His most recent and successful endeavor has been wood relief carvings. From the Individual to the Personal marks Krayushkin’s first major exhibition, outside of two regional competitions.

“We are thrilled to offer this exhibition to our patrons,” said SAMA-Altoona Coordinator, Barbara Hollander. “To bring two artists together is not only a meeting of their work, but also of their passions and souls. This exhibition will please both connoisseurs of art and those who do not consider themselves particularly knowledgeable in the fine art field. I invite everyone to come make ‘the journey’ as we enter into the artists’ personal universe.”

The Museum will celebrate the exhibition at a Blue Monday program on July 9. The event begins at 6 p.m. and features light supper and libations. Music will be

provided by Tom McCarty with Mountain City Grass. Cost is \$20 per person. For reservations, call the Museum at (814) 946-4464.

The artists will speak at a Lunch a l'Art program at the Museum on Thursday, July 26. The program begins at noon and includes lunch and a presentation by the artists. Cost is \$13 or \$12 for SAMA members. Please call the Museum for reservations.

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. Saturdays. 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.

The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art receives state arts funding support through a grant from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.