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### **SAMA APPOINTS LEADERSHIP CIRCLE TO LEAD 2015 GALA**

Loretto – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Loretto will celebrate its thirty-seventh annual Gala, “African Odyssey,” Saturday, July 18 on the campus of Saint Francis University. Leading the Gala this year will be a Leadership Circle consisting of twenty multi-talented individuals. Included in the Leadership Circle are: Jim Cayce of Hollidaysburg, Glenda Forosisky of Altoona, Chantel and Dr. James Garofalo of Duncansville, Kerrie Kinzle of Hollidaysburg, Kashana Kopac of Hollidaysburg, Lindsey Kranich of Hollidaysburg, Marian Morgan of Johnstown, Barbara and Ed O’Brien of Loretto, Andrea Okonak of Altoona, John Reffner of Altoona, Barbara and Larry Savino of Hollidaysburg, Judy and Dick Scholton of Hollidaysburg, Barbara Sincak of Hollsopple, Margaret and Michael Strueber of Hollidaysburg, and Samantha Wall of Duncansville. Each person will bring a fresh set of ideas and experience to the Gala, ensuring its future success and continuing its tradition of being the best party in Pennsylvania. The Gala also is supported by a committee of more than one hundred individuals who devote their time and attention to the event each year.

“African Odyssey” will bring the sights and sounds of Africa to Loretto for what will be one of the most exciting Galas to date. Guests will be treated to a variety of games, live music, gourmet cuisine and fabulous specialty bars. Live and silent auctions also will be offered, providing opportunities to bid on an eclectic variety of original artwork, vacation packages, and much more. Two highlights of the live auction include a 2000 Yamaha Mark III Series Disklavier Grand Piano and a Pittsburgh Pirates package featuring 15 tickets in a Pirates Charities suite, four parking passes and other surprises. Tickets to the Gala are \$175 per person. Please R.S.V.P. to (814) 472-3920 by July 14.

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 at (814) 472-3920 or visit [www.sama-art.org](http://www.sama-art.org).