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**ALTOONA MUSEUM TO FEATURE LUNCH AND LECTURE WITH ARTIST,  
DAN HELSEL**

Altoona – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona will host a Lunch a l'Art program with artist Dan Hesel on Wednesday, March 12. The program, which begins at noon, includes lunch and a presentation by the artist. Cost is \$15 per person or \$14 for SAMA members. Reservations are required by calling (814) 946-4464.

The program coincides with the Museum's current exhibition, *Dan Hesel: Creating Joy*. Hesel's brilliant landscapes and still lifes have been featured in solo and group exhibitions throughout western and central Pennsylvania, earning numerous awards. He is renowned for possessing a deft artistic touch and style that harkens back to the Old Masters. Hesel paints on oil-primed linen canvas and prepares his own panels from Gesso using a Renaissance formula. The exhibition, on view through April 26 in the Museum's Shirley and Fred A. Pechter Gallery and Paul I. Detwiler Education Center, features fifty of the artist's paintings.

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).