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SAMA CURATOR TO SPEAK AT ALTOONA MUSEUM

Altoona – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona will host a Lunch a l' Art program featuring SAMA Curator Dr. Scott Dimond on Tuesday, December 6. The program, which begins at noon, includes lunch and a presentation. Cost is \$15 or \$14 for SAMA members. Reservations are requested by calling (814) 946-4464.

Dimond, who has served as SAMA's Curator for Visual Arts since 2010, will lead a gallery tour of the Museum's current exhibition, *Forty Portraits Honoring our 40th*. Curated in honor of the Museum's 40th anniversary, the exhibition offers forty portraits in a variety of media by well-known national artists such as Wayman Adams, Leonard Baskin, Mary Jane Peale, Norman Rockwell and Andy Warhol. Local and regional artists also are well represented with works by Michael Allison, Philip Brulia, Allen Capriotti and Donald M. Robinson. The exhibition will remain on view through January 14.

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