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SAMA CURATOR TO SPEAK AT LUNCH PROGRAM

Ligonier – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley will host a Lunch a l'Art program with SAMA curator Dr. Scott Dimond on Thursday, April 20. The program, which begins at noon, includes lunch and presentation. Cost is \$15 or \$12 for SAMA members. Reservations are requested by April 13 by calling the Museum at (724) 238-6015.

Dimond's presentation is titled "The Great American Midway: Escape for the Million." Since its beginnings in the late nineteenth century, the carnival midway has offered ordinary Americans an exciting escape into a world of raucous fantasy. With its games and amusements, exotic attractions and thrilling rides, the midway is a world within a world. Lasting only a few days, its delights are fleeting, but the impressions it leaves are often the most unforgettable. In this talk, Dimond will explore the origins of the American midway and examine some of its key elements.

Prior to the lunch program will be a meeting of the SAMA Auxiliary at 11 a.m. If you are interested in joining the Auxiliary, please attend the meeting or call the Museum for further information.

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 Ligonier Valley is located at One Boucher Lane and Route 711 South in Ligonier. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. weekends. The Museum is a handicapped-accessible facility and is open to the public free of charge. For more information, call the Museum or visit www.sama-art.org.