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ALTOONA MUSEUM TO DISPLAY HOLLIDAYSBURG NATIVE'S ART

Altoona – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona is pleased to announce its latest exhibition, *Death to Life: The Paintings of Jacob D. Metzger*. The exhibition, on view April 27 through May 26, features more than thirty works by the former Hollidaysburg resident.

In *Death to Life*, Metzger's subject is the human skull. The artist offers a unique interpretation of death by juxtaposing the skull with vibrant color, animated texture, and bold line. Typically associated with negativity, lifelessness, and darkness, the subject matter of death has reversely been brought to life in the exhibition in a fresh, new way.

"Jacob Metzger's presence in the abstract scene has consistently created a buzz," said SAMA-Altoona Coordinator Barbara Hollander. "He tackles his canvas with a vitality for life and a commitment to bold color and fine composition. I am proud to host this essential force in our art world."

Upon graduation from Hollidaysburg Area High School and Greater Career and Technology Center in 2000, Metzger studied at the Pennsylvania College of Technology, from where he graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in graphic design. He served as a senior graphic designer with Sheetz, Inc. for six years, and is currently an art director at Marketspace Communications in Pittsburgh. His work was first exhibited at Michael's Café in Altoona in 2010, and was later selected for display at Bill Sell's Bold.

The Museum will celebrate the exhibition at a *Blue Monday* program on May 14. The event begins at 6 p.m. and features light supper and libations. Music will be provided by Stormy featuring Charlie Leiden. Cost is \$20 per person. For reservations, call the Museum at (814) 946-4464.

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.

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