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**SAMA TO OFFER BUS TRIP TO SEE SPRINGSTEEN, van GOGH  
EXHIBITIONS IN PHILADELPHIA**

Altoona – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona is sponsoring a bus trip to Philadelphia to view two fascinating exhibitions. The Museum is offering an opportunity to see *From Asbury Park to the Promised Land: The Life and Music of Bruce Springsteen* and *Van Gogh Up Close* on Tuesday, April 24. Cost is \$110 per person, with a \$50 non-refundable deposit due with reservation. Seating is limited. Call the Museum at (814) 946-4464 for reservations.

*From Asbury Park to the Promised Land* was developed by the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. On view at the National Constitution Center, it is the first major exhibition on Springsteen. The exhibition includes more than 150 personal items, many never before seen by the public. Highlights include family photos of Springsteen’s childhood, handwritten lyrics from all phases of his career, a saxophone used by the late Clarence Clemons to play the solo in “Jungleland,” the outfit worn on the cover of *Born in the U.S.A.*, and Springsteen’s 1993 Academy Award for Best Original Song for “Streets of Philadelphia.”

*Van Gogh Up Close*, at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, features forty masterpieces borrowed from collections around the world. It includes works painted during the artist’s last four years and is the first exhibition to explore the reasons and means by which this impassioned artist made such unusual changes to his painting style in the final years of his life.

Departure is scheduled for 6:45 a.m. on April 24 from the Lowe’s parking lot in Altoona. There will be a stop on the return trip at King of Prussia Mall for dinner and shopping. The bus is expected to return to Altoona at 10:30 p.m.

For more information on the trip, please call the Altoona Museum at (814) 946-4464 or visit [www.sama-art.org](http://www.sama-art.org).