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MUSEUM RECEIVES DONATION OF CONCERT GRAND PIANO

Loretto – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art recently received a major donation by Jim Cayce and Tom Dosh of Hollidaysburg. Cayce, a SAMA trustee since 2012, and Dosh donated a 1977 Baldwin SD-10 concert grand piano to SAMA in honor of the Museum’s 40th anniversary. The piano is displayed in the gallery of SAMA-Loretto.

The Baldwin SD-10 is revered as being one of the greatest American pianos ever built. First produced in the late 1960s, the SD-10 is renowned for its German-engineered Renner action, which delivers world-class note-to-note clarity and consistency and faster key repetition rates, in addition to an increase in dynamic tonal range.

Cayce and Dosh acquired the piano from Evangeline Robinson of Huntington. Robinson taught piano in Huntington and previously in the Washington, D.C. area. It is believed the piano originally comes from the Kennedy Center.

“We are pleased that this piano has found a new home in Loretto,” said Cayce. “At SAMA it will not only be appreciated as a work of art, but will also serve as an instrument for future musical events.”

The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art is celebrating its fortieth anniversary in 2016. SAMA’s Loretto Museum first opened its doors to the public on June 20, 1976. At the time, the permanent collection consisted of 47 paintings, drawings and sculpture, plus a collection of 20 etchings by John Sloan. Led by Director Michael Strueber and Board of Trustees President Fr. Sean M. Sullivan, T.O.R., then President of Saint Francis College, the Museum enjoyed significant early success.

Over the past four decades, SAMA has added three satellite museums in Altoona, Johnstown and Ligonier Valley. The permanent collection now houses more than 4,300 objects, including works by many of the nation’s most respected and influential artists. The Museum has received a number of noteworthy awards over the years, highlighted by the Institute of Museum & Library Services’ 2002 National Award for Museum Service. Through its multi-faceted education programs, SAMA has provided critical arts education to more than 100,000 children throughout Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fayette, Somerset and Westmoreland counties.

The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Loretto is located on the campus of Saint Francis University. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through

Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. weekends. The Museum is open to the public free of charge. For more information, please call (814) 472-3920 or visit www.sama-art.org.