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### **SAMA CURATOR TO SPEAK AT LUNCH PROGRAM**

Altoona – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona will host a Lunch a l'Art program on Thursday, February 9. The program begins at noon and includes lunch and a presentation by SAMA Curator for Visual Arts, Dr. Scott Dimond. Cost is \$13 or \$12 for SAMA members. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling (814) 946-4464.

Currently on view at the Museum is *What a Long, Strange Trip It's Been: Selections from the Mark del Costello Collection*. The exhibition features more than 60 posters of rock legends from the 1960s and '70s such as The Beatles, the Grateful Dead, Pink Floyd, Bob Dylan, Jimi Hendrix, David Bowie and the Sex Pistols. The exhibition is on view in the Museum's Shirley and Fred A. Pechter Gallery and Paul I. Detwiler Education Center through April 28.

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. 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](http://www.sama-art.org).

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