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**LORETTO MUSEUM TO OFFER RETROSPECTIVE OF RENOWNED
BEDFORD COUNTY ARTIST**

Loretto – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Loretto is pleased to announce the opening of its latest exhibiton, *Reflections: Artwork by Kevin Kutz*. Featuring 52 works, *Reflections* is a special loan exhibition that charts Kutz's evolution as an artist. The exhibition opens June 26 and will remain on view through October 10.

Kutz is one of the region's best known and best loved artists. A painter and innovator, Kutz ranges from traditional plein-air realism to dreamlike explorations of time, place and memory. Celebrating his native Bedford County with the same passion that brought fame to the Bucks County Impressionists, Kutz's landscapes and small-town views are at once beautiful essays in paint and deeply felt homages to his roots. In his portraits, there is a kind of psychological presence that bespeaks the artist's sympathetic interaction with the subject. The same sense of personal engagement characterizes Kutz's experimental works, which include carvings in wood, steel engravings, and 3-D assemblages.

Reflections: Artwork by Kevin Kutz explores the artist's career, from his journeyman years just out of college to the present. The exhibition gives an overview of his progress from one chapter of his life to another. It also reveals the many changes and directions that his art has undergone. With an emphasis on Kutz's remarkable creative diversity, the exhibition will contain surprises even for those who are familiar with the artist's work. Yet with its rich fund of visual poetry, reverie, and an occasional touch of humor, *Reflections* promises a satisfying experience that is sure to please everyone.

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. Saturday. The Museum is open to the public free of charge. For more information, please call the Museum at (814) 472-3920 or visit www.sama-art.org.