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JOHNSTOWN MUSEUM TO EXHIBIT WORKS OF ACCLAIMED PHOTOGRAPHER, DONALD M. ROBINSON

Loretto – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Johnstown is pleased to announce the opening of its latest exhibition, *Donald M. Robinson: Seasons of Western Pennsylvania*. The exhibition, which features approximately 40 photographs culled from the Museum’s permanent collection, opens December 9 and will remain on view through April 28.

Although he has traveled the world in search of spectacular views, award-winning Pittsburgh photographer Donald M. Robinson finds his breath-taking subjects a little closer to home in *Seasons of Western Pennsylvania*. Robinson is renowned for his technical mastery and keen artistic senses. His landscape, portrait and wildlife photography is lauded and appreciated by audiences around the world. While previous exhibitions have chronicled the artist’s ventures to exotic locations such as Africa, Asia, Antarctica, the Middle East, and South America, viewers will find some of Robinson’s most deeply-felt and brilliant work to have originated in the beautiful landscapes of our own backyard.

Robinson was educated at the University of South Carolina and Harvard Graduate School of Business. He developed two successful businesses and has been deeply involved in humanitarian aid. His photography has been exhibited across the world and, in 1991, he was awarded the EFIAP award (Artist of Excellence) by the Federation Internationale de l’Art Photographique. He was awarded the Photograph Society of America’s Galaxy Award, and has won 25 gold medals for “Best of Show” in various international photography salons. But even with such an impressive list of accolades, Robinson is far from finished exploring as an artist. His passion and commitment to photography is ever growing and he is always seeking a new perspective in his art.

Robinson studied photography under Cole Weston, Jay Maisel, William Neill, Arnold Newman and Phillip Hyde. As such, he developed an affinity to “straight” photography. His feeling is that “a special trust exists between photographers and the viewing public.”

“I consider myself a realistic photographer,” Robinson once said. “Because I want my work to make sense to the viewer, I try to achieve naturalness and validity in everything I photograph. Even though my images are realistic, I continue to find great mystery and unanswered questions in many of my photographs.”

The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Johnstown is located in the Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Museum is a handicapped-accessible facility and is open to the public free of charge. For more information, please call the Museum at (814) 269-7234 or visit www.sama-art.org.

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