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### **SAMA EXHIBITION TO HIGHLIGHT MUSEUM'S ROSTERED ARTISTS**

Altoona – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona is pleased to announce the opening of its latest exhibition, *Rostered Artists Revealed*. With nearly forty works in a variety of media, the exhibition highlights works created by artists rostered with SAMA and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts (PCA). The exhibition will be on view April 26 through August 10.

For fifteen years, SAMA has partnered with the PCA to offer its popular Artist-in-Residence program. Through the program, SAMA's rostered artists visit local public and private schools for residencies designed to provide students an opportunity to work directly with professional artists in a student/mentor relationship with mutual involvement in the creative process. During the 2011-12 school year, SAMA's Artist-in-Residence program served more than 15,000 students in Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fayette, Somerset and Westmoreland counties.

*Rostered Artists Revealed* celebrates the artistic accomplishments of the Museum's teaching artists. Showcasing a wide variety of artwork from wood carvings to mosaic tile, the exhibition highlights the diversity of artists who help make SAMA's art education programs so successful. Featured in the exhibition are Michael Allison, Deb Bunnell, Peter Frantz, Rita Haldeman, Adrienne Heinrich, Terry Johnson, Jan Kinney, Evgeny Krayushkin, Lynne Magee, Tom McCarty, Martha Murphy, Susan Novak, Sue Pollins, Kathy Trexel Reed, Harriet Rosenberg, and Ann Van Kuren.

The Museum will celebrate the exhibition at a Blue Monday program on May 20. The event begins at 6 p.m. and features a light dinner and libations set to the music of Stormy. Cost is \$20 per person. For reservations, call the Museum at (814) 946-4464.

The Museum also will host a Lunch a l'Art program featuring two of SAMA's rostered artists on July 25. Jan Kinney and Ann Van Kuren will demonstrate their respective arts, storytelling and dance, at the program, which begins at noon and includes lunch. Cost is \$13 or \$12 for SAMA members. Please call the Museum for reservations.

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. Saturday. 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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