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REGIONAL JURIED EXHIBITION RETURNS TO SAMA-LIGONIER VALLEY

Ligonier – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley will celebrate the work of local artists with the *Southwestern Pennsylvania Council for the Arts 16th Annual Regional Juried Art Exhibition*. On view from November 18 through February 11, the exhibition features 75 works from 75 individual artists from the 19 southwestern counties of Pennsylvania. Featured work will span a variety of media, including oil, acrylic, watercolor, metal, pastel, wood, clay, bronze, and photography, among others.

Since its inception, the exhibition has become known for its freshness and energy in the art of emerging young artists, and for the dazzling presentations of established artists who are developing a new direction with their art. This installment marks the eighth consecutive year the exhibition is shown at SAMA-Ligonier Valley.

“We are honored to host the Southwestern Pennsylvania Council for the Arts 16th Annual Exhibition,” said SAMA-Ligonier Valley Coordinator Sommer Toffle. “I look forward to this exhibition every year. The wide range of artistic talent in this region is remarkable, and every exhibition promises to provide something for everyone’s artistic tastes.”

Serving as exhibition juror is William Mammarella. An award-winning artist who has exhibited his work extensively, Mammarella has taught at the college level for more than 14 years and is currently on the faculty of the Pennsylvania College of Art and Design in Lancaster. He has a B.A. from Rutgers University and an M.F.A. from the University of Delaware.

To celebrate the exhibition, SAMA will host an opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, November 19. The reception is open to the public free of charge. For more information, please call the Museum at (724) 238-6015.

The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley is located at One Boucher Lane and Route 711 South in Ligonier. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. weekends. The Museum is a handicapped accessible facility and is open to the public free of charge. For more information, call the Museum or visit www.sama-art.org.

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