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## **ALTOONA MUSEUM TO DISPLAY WORKS BY LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHER**

Altoona – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona is pleased to announce its latest exhibition, *Robert E. Wedge: A Moment of Emotion*. The exhibition features forty-four works by the Altoona photographer and will be on view January 17 through April 26.

Wedge is an accomplished photographer whose portfolio includes portraits, landscapes, architecture and sporting events. He is renowned for possessing a keen eye for detail and a remarkable talent for capturing a moment in time. The artist clearly has a passion for his subjects and is celebrated for his ability to understand, and subsequently photograph, the raw emotions of a particular event. Wedge is recently retired from a career in architecture, and counts the Altoona Hospital Outpatient Tower/Parking Garage among his most memorable projects.

“Bob’s love for his subjects truly radiates from his photography,” said SAMA-Altoona Coordinator Barbara Hollander. “He is meticulous in his work and he really excels at capturing the emotions of a moment in time. We are proud to feature an artist of his caliber who is not only proficient in his art, but passionate as well.”

Wedge will speak at a Lunch a l’ Art program at the Museum on February 19. The program, which begins at noon, will include lunch and a presentation by the artist. Cost is \$15 per person or \$14 for SAMA members. Please call the Museum at (814) 946-4464 for reservations.

The Museum also will celebrate the exhibition at a *Blue Monday* on January 27. The program includes light supper and libations while guests enjoy the classic rock music of Stormy. Cost is \$20 per person. 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).