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SAMA-ALTOONA TO DEBUT *WICKED WEDNESDAY* PROGRAM IN FEBRUARY

Altoona – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona will debut its newest program, *Wicked Wednesday*, at 6 p.m., February 11. *Wicked Wednesday* is modeled after the popular *Blue Monday* program, and will continue to offer the region's best musical, culinary and fine arts in one setting. Each *Wicked Wednesday* program will include a light supper and libations while guests listen to some of the area's best musical talent. Additionally, each program will highlight the Museum's latest exhibitions.

The February program will include a performance by Mountain City Grass. A traditional bluegrass group based out of Central Pennsylvania, Mountain City Grass consists of Denny Cerully on vocals and guitar, Katie Cerully on bass and vocals, Ed Decker on guitar and vocals, Dean Berkheimer on banjo, Tom McCarty on mandolin and Jason Dodson on fiddle.

Guests at *Wicked Wednesday* also will have an opportunity to view the Museum's latest exhibitions. *William H. Rau: The Rise and Fall of the Main Line Canal* offers thirty-three albumen and sepia-toned photographs by Rau, the official photographer of the Pennsylvania Railroad at the turn of the 20th century, from the Altoona Area Public Library Collection. *The Heart and Soul of Olga and John Orr* features thirty-five works from a private collection of contemporary works by some of the region's most acclaimed artists. Also on view is *Recent Acquisitions of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art*, which highlights many of the newest paintings, drawings and prints acquisitioned into the Museum's holdings since 2009.

Cost for *Wicked Wednesday* is \$25 per person. Please call the Museum at (814) 946-4464 for reservations.

The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona is located in the Brett Building at 1210 Eleventh Avenue. The Museum is a handicapped-accessible facility and is open to the public free of charge. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday. Parking is available in the garage

across the street or in the lot at the rear of the building. For more information, call the Museum or visit www.sama-art.org.