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LIGONIER EXHIBITION TO FEATURE MANY OF MUSEUM'S BENCHMARK WORKS

Ligonier – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley is pleased to announce its latest exhibition, *Highlights from the Permanent Collection: Celebration of the Wolf Family Donations*. The exhibition features some of the SAMA Permanent Collection's benchmark works, each donated or funded by one of the Museum's most benevolent family patrons. On view May 3 through August 4, the exhibition includes more than sixty works encompassing paintings, prints, drawings and photographs.

When the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art first opened its doors in 1976, it housed a collection numbering forty-seven paintings, sculptures and drawings and a collection of twenty etchings by John Sloan. Since that time, the Museum's permanent collection has grown to number more than 4,000 works of art. Thanks to generous donors and patrons such as the Wolf family, the collection now features a bounty of works by many of the nation's most innovative and influential artists. Featured in *Highlights from the Permanent Collection: Celebration of the Wolf Family Donations* are works by Will Barnet, Thomas Hart Benton, Alexander Calder, Mary Cassatt, Rockwell Kent, Reginald Marsh, Thomas Moran, Norman Rockwell, Andy Warhol, and Grant Wood, among others.

"SAMA is pleased to offer this wonderful exhibition to the Ligonier community," said SAMA-Ligonier Valley Coordinator Sommer Toffle. "The exhibition features a wide variety of prominent works and is a tribute to a family who has made an indelible mark on the cultural fabric of this region. For over twenty years, the Wolf family has endowed the Museum with an incredible array of work. We are indebted to the Wolf family for their unbounded creativity, generous contributions, and unwavering commitment to the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art."

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 at (724) 238-6015 or visit www.sama-art.org.