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ARTIST & TEACHER WORKSHOP TO BE HELD AT ALTOONA MUSEUM

Altoona – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona will host a professional development workshop for artists, teachers, school administrators, and the general public on Wednesday, October 24. The Museum’s workshops are designed to address the importance of art in education.

The workshop is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The morning session will include presentations by Jan Kinney and Ann Van Kuren, both rostered artists with SAMA and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. In this workshop, they will combine their respective crafts to introduce teachers and administrators to the cross-curricular qualities of storytelling and movement. Kinney will introduce the essentials of storytelling, focusing on voice, faces, body language, sound effects, and literary elements. Van Kuren will demonstrate the essentials of movement, including a discussion on space, time and energy. The two will then use Doreen Cronin’s book, *Diary of a Fly*, to demonstrate the possibilities presented through the use of storytelling and creative movement. During the afternoon session, attendees will separate into groups to prepare their own story to be presented with creative movement.

“SAMA offers these workshops as a way to integrate new ideas into the classroom, as well as to provide the opportunity to network with other teachers and artists,” said SAMA Education Coordinator, Jessica Campbell. “Topics are based upon ideas from teachers as a way to ensure we are focusing on the needs of the teacher in the classroom.”

Cost for the workshop is \$35 per person. Reservations are requested by October 22, and can be made by calling Jessica Campbell at (814) 472-3920. Six hours of ACT 48 credit are available with participation.

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. Saturdays. 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.

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