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SAMA-JOHNSTOWN TO HOST ALLIED ARTISTS EXHIBITION

Johnstown – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Johnstown is pleased to announce the opening of its latest exhibition, *Allied Artists of Johnstown 85th Annual Juried Art Exhibition*. The exhibition opens August 25 and will remain on view through December 15. The Allied Artists exhibition annually presents compelling and inspiring artwork created by many of the area’s most talented artists. This year’s exhibition features 34 works in acrylic, glass, mixed media, oil, pastel, photography and watercolor, among other media. The group also will display two “In Memoriam” works by Ed Kale and Doris Wilson, two Allied Artists members who died in the last year.

Serving as juror was Pittsburgh artist, musician and curator Adam Welch. The Pittsburgh Center for the Arts’ Emerging Artist of the Year for 2008, Welch has exhibited regionally and internationally. He has curated more than sixty exhibits at Pittsburgh Center for the Arts and was the recipient of the 2009 Individual Artists Fellowship in Installation/Sculpture from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts.

SAMA-Johnstown will celebrate the exhibition’s opening with a reception on Friday, September 1 from 6 to 8 p.m. The event is open to the public free of charge.

Begun in the mid-1920s when Margery Coleman Harris and seven of her friends formed an art group to share their interest in painting, the Allied Artists of Johnstown was formally incorporated in 1932. The organization has grown from its original membership of eight to more than 100 artists. The group mounts an average of four exhibitions annually, sponsors scholarships for graduating high school seniors pursuing careers in the arts and, through its Friends of Art Fund, donates art work to local public institutions.

The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Johnstown is located in the Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Museum is a handicapped-accessible facility and is open to the public free of charge. For more information, please call the Museum at (814) 269-7234 or visit www.sama-art.org.