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## **ALTOONA MUSEUM TO DISPLAY DUAL SOUTHWESTERN ART COLLECTIONS**

Altoona – Lovers of Southwestern art will be in for a treat this summer at the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona. The Museum will display two separate collections highlighting some of the finest works from the Southwestern United States.

Opening May 18, *When East Embraces West: The Collection of Barry Newborn* features a variety of native American paintings and pottery from pueblos located around Santa Fe, New Mexico. The pottery collection largely represents the Cochiti, San Ildefonso, Santo Domingo, Tesuque and Zuni pueblos. Fritz Scholder, a major influence for a generation of native American artists, is represented in paintings and prints. Also included are works by contemporary pueblo artist Roxanne Swentzell, as well as woodworker Felipe Archuleta and painter Lawrence Lee. The exhibition will be on view through September 8.

*Sixty Years of Southwestern Art* features approximately 70 works spanning from 1930 to 1990 from a private collection. On view May 25 through September 22, the exhibition offers a mix of Anglo, Indian and Mexican cultures. Artists such as Scholder, Allan Houser, Jonathan Kendal, and Charles Stewart offer a contemporary look at Southwestern art in paintings, sculpture, pottery, weavings, and photography that focus on natural light and the rich, vibrant colors of the land.

“SAMA-Altoona is delighted to dedicate our entire museum to artwork representing the Southwestern United States and the talented artists of the Southwest,” said SAMA-Altoona Coordinator Barbara Hollander. “The work of two dedicated collectors will be exhibited and we will have the chance to examine what it takes to assemble such a vast collection of beautiful objects of art.”

The Museum will host a Wicked Wednesday program celebrating the exhibitions from 6 to 8 p.m. on June 6. Light supper and libations will be provided as guests enjoy live music by Raining Blue. Cost 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. 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](http://www.sama-art.org).