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ART IN COMMON WORKS TO BE EXHIBITED AT SAMA-ALTOONA

Altoona – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona is pleased to announce the return of the annual juried exhibition, *Artists in Our Midst*. On view September 28 through February 9, 2019 in the Museum’s Shirley and Fred A. Pechter Gallery and Paul I. Detwiler Education Center, the exhibition will once again highlight local and regional artists who are members of Art in Common, an arts organization based in Central Pennsylvania.

This year’s installment offers 73 works by 28 artists. The annual exhibition showcases a wide variety of media, and this year’s show highlights work in acrylic, pastel, pencil, oil, watercolor, photography, clay, bronze, mixed media and much more.

Serving as exhibition juror is artist Michael Allison of Hollidaysburg. An experienced commercial and fine artist, Allison was a founding member of Art in Common and was also the first full-time curator of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art. He previously served on an advisory panel for the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts and on the festival committee for the Blair County Arts Foundation’s Spring Festival. The artist’s murals grace several private homes and public locations, including the Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor. Allison was recently named as Program Administrator of the Cambria/Somerset Public Art Project.

The Museum will celebrate the exhibition at a *Wicked Wednesday* program on October 3. The event begins at 6 p.m. and features light supper, libations and live music by Firewheel. Cost is \$15 per person. Please contact the Museum at (814) 946-4464 or altoona@sama-art.org 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. Saturday. 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, visit www.sama-art.org.