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ALTOONA PHOTOGRAPHER TO SPEAK AT LUNCH PROGRAM

Altoona – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona will host a Lunch a l’Art with photographer Tim Boyles on Wednesday, July 12. The program, which begins at noon, includes lunch and a presentation by the artist. Cost is \$15 per person or \$14 for SAMA members. Please call (814) 946-4464 for reservations or additional information.

More than 80 of Boyles’ celebrity photographs are currently on view at the Museum in *Tim Boyles: Celebrity Status*. After a career in the field of photojournalism – including a stint at WTAJ-TV – the Altoona native pursued his passion for photography. He began working with Getty Images, where his coverage of the Terri Schiavo and Hurricane Charley stories brought national recognition in publications including *Time* magazine and *The New York Times*.

Soon Boyles began photographing celebrities for Getty, with Leonardo DiCaprio being his first. He began to market his services directly to celebrities, and before long boasted a client list that included Jack Hanna, Burt Reynolds, “Macho Man” Randy Savage, Taylor Swift, Keith Urban, Nik Wallenda and many others. The SAMA exhibition includes photographs by those celebrities, as well as household names such as Justin Bieber, Mick Jagger, Kim Kardashian, Paul McCartney, Bill Murray, Ed Sheeran, and many others. The exhibition will remain on view through October 14.

Lunch a l’Art programs are offered to encourage a greater understanding of various art forms and movements, as well as foster a deeper appreciation for the exhibitions presented by the Museum.

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, please call the Museum or visit www.sama-art.org.