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### **SCULPTOR TO SPEAK AT SAMA-LIGONIER VALLEY LUNCH PROGRAM**

Ligonier – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Ligonier Valley will host a Lunch a l'Art program with sculptor Andrew Rice at noon on November 1. Cost for the program, which includes lunch and presentation, is \$15 per person or \$12 for SAMA members. Reservations are required by contacting the Museum at (724) 238-6015 or [ligonier@sama-art.org](mailto:ligonier@sama-art.org) by October 26.

Formally educated in the natural sciences, Rice develops a context, through metal, about the evolution of emotional spaces and consequences. From a young age, he has had a lust for exploration with metal, and he chose forged metal as his medium because it is a non-conforming way to shape metal. He stresses hand forging as much as possible as it helps the work better represent the artist's perspective. Rice works in forged sculpture, forged decorative furniture and forged steel with stone and wood accents out of his West Virginia studio. His sculptures are included in private and commercial collections along the east coast.

Prior to the lunch program will be a meeting of the SAMA Auxiliary at 11 a.m. If you are interested in joining the Auxiliary, please attend the meeting, call the Museum or visit the Facebook page at SAMA Ligonier Auxiliary.

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 Ligonier Valley is located at One Boucher Lane and Route 711 South in Ligonier. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. weekends. The Museum is a handicapped accessible facility and is open to the public free of charge. For more information, call the Museum or visit [www.sama-art.org](http://www.sama-art.org) or find us on Facebook at SAMA-Ligonier Valley.