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SAMA-JOHNSTOWN EXHIBITION HIGHLIGHTS RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Johnstown – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Johnstown is pleased to announce the opening of its latest exhibition, *SAMA Now: Recent Acquisitions of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art*. On view January 5 through March 16, the exhibition offers 30 paintings, prints, drawings and photographs that were recently added to the Museum's collection.

As with many smaller museums, SAMA relies on the generosity of artists, collectors and patrons to enrich its permanent collection. Benefitting from strong and steady support for over 40 years, the Museum's collection has grown steadily from an initial holding of 67 objects to more than 4,000 paintings, drawings, prints and sculptures as well as objects in glass and other media. New donations of art arrive on a regular basis; each adds materially to the collection and contributes to making it a broader and deeper cultural resource for the region.

In its focus on recent acquisitions, *SAMA Now* seeks to strike a balance between popular favorites and all-new objects, and in so doing to give a sense of the richness and diversity of the Museum's collections. Highlights include works by Linda Arnold, Leonard Baskin and Fred Danziger. In addition, there are new works by prominent regional artists including Jory Albright, William D. Davis, Susan Severson and Kamal Youssef, among others.

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 5 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.