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### **TRAVELLING EXHIBITION COMES TO LORETTO MUSEUM**

Loretto – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Loretto is pleased to announce its latest exhibition, *Fred Staloff: A Selection of Works from the Butler Institute of American Art*. The travelling exhibition features 50 paintings in oil and watercolor and surveys Staloff's career from the 1940s to the 2010s. The exhibition opens June 23 in the Margery Wolf-Kuhn Balcony Gallery and will remain on view through October 7.

Staloff is a remarkably diverse painter whose long career spans one of the most dramatic and vital periods in the history of American art. Studying art on the GI Bill following his service in World War II, Staloff initially worked in a realist style typical of the 1930s and '40s. As Abstract Expressionism came to the fore around 1950, he developed his own unique approach to the movement, creating colorful compositions that begin with an observed subject, but which are ultimately about color, form, and the paint itself. Later, the artist experimented with a Neoimpressionist idiom, producing a series of portraits and landscapes reminiscent of Matisse and Van Gogh. By the 1960s, the artist was moving comfortably among many different styles and influences.

The exhibition comes from the Butler Institute of American Art, which is today the chief repository of the artist's work. Featuring still lifes, landscapes, portraits and abstract compositions, *Fred Staloff* offers not only a comprehensive overview of a remarkable painter's career, but also an exciting and colorful foray into the many possibilities of art.

The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Loretto is located on the campus of Saint Francis University. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. weekends. The Museum is open to the public free of charge. For more information, please call the Museum at (814) 472-3920 or visit [www.sama-art.org](http://www.sama-art.org).