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SAMA-ALTOONA TO HOST *WICKED WEDNESDAY*

Altoona – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona’s popular *Wicked Wednesday* series will return on June 6. The program offers the region’s best musical, culinary and fine arts in one setting. Each *Wicked Wednesday* program includes light supper and libations while guests enjoy the Museum’s latest exhibitions and listen to some of the area’s finest musical talent.

The June 6 program will include a performance by Raining Blue. A duo based in Altoona, Raining Blue plays rock music from the 1960s and ‘70s. Formed in 2010, the duo thrives on unique interpretations of their favorite music, with Amy Williamson providing a bluesy vocal line while playing electric bass, hand drums and flute, and Walt Yatta playing keyboards, harmonica, and ukulele. Constant experimentation and evolution keeps their sound interesting for their own restless spirits as well as for the audience.

Guests at *Wicked Wednesday* also will have the opportunity to view the Museum’s newest exhibitions, *When East Embraces West: The Collection of Barry Newborn* and *Sixty Years of Southwestern Art*. Both exhibitions showcase private collections of Southwestern art. Works by prominent artists including Felipe Archuleta, Allan Houser, Lawrence Lee, Fritz Scholder, Roxanne Swentzell and others are represented in paintings, prints, pottery, sculpture, photography and weavings.

Cost for *Wicked Wednesday* is \$25 per person. Please call the Museum at (814) 946-4464 for reservations.

The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art at Altoona is located in the Brett Building at 1210 Eleventh Avenue. The Museum is a handicapped-accessible facility and is open to the public free of charge. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday. 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, call the Museum or visit www.sama-art.org.