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Schanker, Louis

American, 1903 - 1981

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The bold lines and abstract forms of *Indian Dance* are characteristic of Louis Schanker's color woodcuts. Born in New York City, Schanker began his career in the 1930s. By the 1940s, he had become an influential teacher in printmaking at the New School for Social Research. Schanker enjoyed experimenting in his work, printing colors on a black background to deepen them and working with relief techniques. Prints by Schanker are in the collections of The Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Brooklyn Museum, the Cincinnati Art Museum, and the Whitney Museum of American Art. [This is an excerpt from the interactive companion program to the videodisc *American Art from the National Gallery of Art*. Produced by the Department of Education Resources, this teaching resource is one of the Gallery's free-loan educational programs.]

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American, 1903 - 1981

Indian Dance

woodcut

Johnson 1974, no. 62

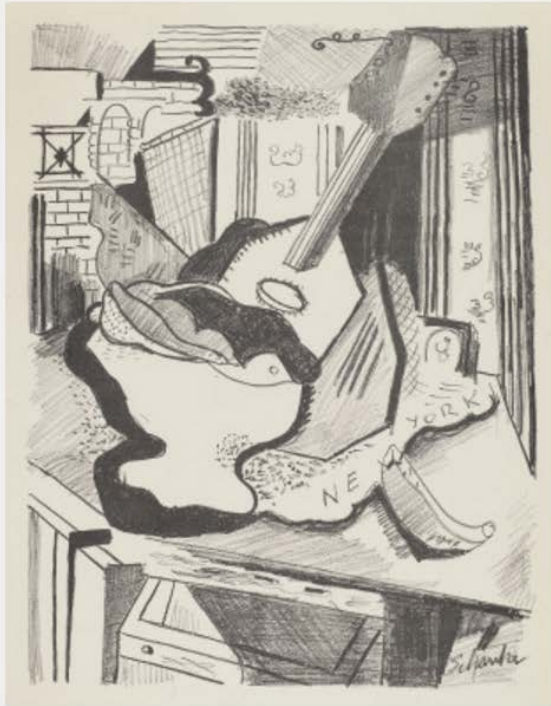
[Rosenwald Collection](#) 1946.11.194

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Schanker, Louis
American, 1903 - 1981

Untitled (Abstract)

1937

lithograph

Sheet:304 x 234mm Image:231 x 175mm

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Schanker, Louis
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"Greetings"

woodcut in brown and green

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[Schanker, Louis](#)
American, 1903 - 1981

Christmas Card

probably 1938

color linoleum cut

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[Schanker, Louis](#)
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Christmas Card

linoleum cut [?]

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"Greetings 1952"

woodcut in yellow, red, and green
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Schanker, Louis
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St. George and the Dragon 1941

color woodcut on Japan paper
image: 22.7 x 30.5 cm (8 15/16 x 12 in.)
sheet: 27.2 x 34.5 cm (10 11/16 x 13 9/16 in.)
Johnson 1974, no. 52
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Schanker, Louis
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Hockey Players

1940

color woodcut

Image: 355 x 300 mm Sheet: 456 x 414 mm

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Schanker, Louis
American, 1903 - 1981

Dictator's Dream

1937

color woodcut on Japan paper

image: 23 x 33.6 cm (9 1/16 x 13 1/4 in.)

sheet: 25.5 x 38 cm (10 1/16 x 14 15/16 in.)

Johnson 1974, no. 9

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[Schanker, Louis](#)

American, 1903 - 1981

Jai-Alai

1939

color woodcut on Japan paper

image: 25.4 x 35.2 cm (10 x 13 7/8 in.)

sheet: 29 x 38.3 cm (11 7/16 x 15 1/16 in.)

Johnson 1974, no. 30

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American, 1903 - 1981

Abstraction with Heart

1938

color woodcut on Japan paper

image: 20.5 x 28.5 cm (8 1/16 x 11 1/4 in.)

sheet: 25.5 x 34.5 cm (10 1/16 x 13 9/16 in.)

Johnson 1974, no. 13

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American, 1903 - 1981

Untitled

c. 1940

crayon over monotype on Japan paper
overall: 12.5 x 39.6 cm (4 15/16 x 15 9/16 in.)

Johnson 1974, undescribed

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[Schanker, Louis](#)
American, 1903 - 1981

Christmas Card

1947

color woodcut

Johnson 1974, undescribed

[Rosenwald Collection](#) 1948.11.302

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Schanker, Louis
American, 1903 - 1981

Football

c. 1940

woodcut

block: 255 x 355 mm

sheet: 344 x 441 mm

Johnson 1974, no. 39

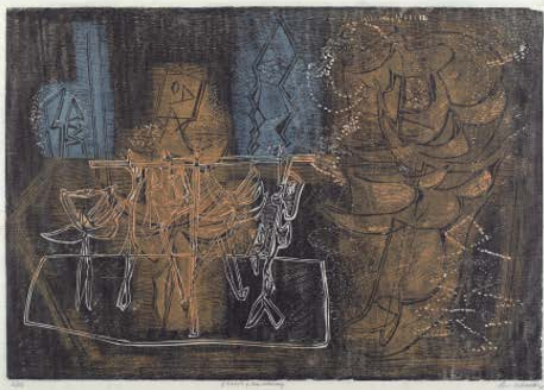
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Static and Revolving

1947

color woodcut

Rosenwald Collection 1948.11.303

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Schanker, Louis
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Wall Handball

1942

color woodcut

Image: 302 x 355 mm Sheet: 382 x 459 mm

Johnson 1974, no. 59

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Dave Williams

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Schanker, Louis
American, 1903 - 1981

Polo

1941

woodcut

block: 199 x 184 mm

sheet: 228 x 216 mm

BM #47

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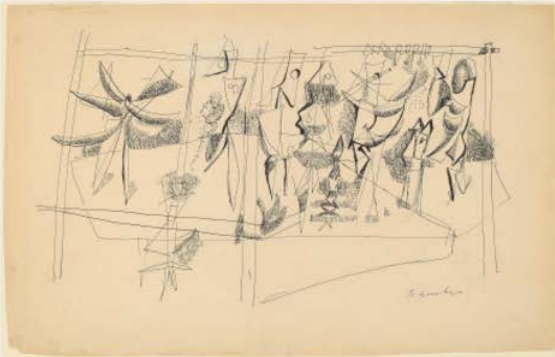
Figures in Space #2

1949

pen and black ink on wove paper
sheet: 27 x 42 cm (10 5/8 x 16 9/16 in.)

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Christmas Card

1949

color woodcut

Johnson 1974, no. 16

[Rosenwald Collection](#) 1951.10.119

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Louis Schanker and Harold Norse (author)

Schanker, Louis
American, 1903 - 1981

Norse, Harold
American, 1916 - 2009

Anderson-Lamb Co.
Brooklyn, NY

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Most Often in the Night published 1960

etching in black on Rives paper
plate: 35.1 x 24.3 cm (13 13/16 x 9 9/16 in.)
sheet: 50.2 x 42.9 cm (19 3/4 x 16 7/8 in.)
Prospero Foundation Fund 1997.6.18
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Schanker, Louis
American, 1903 - 1981

Schanker, Louis
American, 1903 - 1981

Handball Players

1928

lithograph in black on wove paper
image: 276 x 317 mm
sheet: 318 x 392 mm
Johnson 1974, no. 6
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Dave Williams
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Schanker, Louis
American, 1903 - 1981

Don Quixote and Sancho Panza

woodcut in blue, light blue, red, black, and blue-green
[progressive proof 4]

Rosenwald Collection 1946.21.332

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Don Quixote and Sancho Panza

woodcut in blue, light blue, red, and black [progressive proof 3]

Rosenwald Collection 1946.21.331

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American, 1903 - 1981

Don Quixote and Sancho Panza

woodcut in blue and black [progressive proof 2]

Rosenwald Collection 1946.21.330

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Schanker, Louis
American, 1903 - 1981

Don Quixote and Sancho Panza

woodcut in black [progressive proof 1]

Rosenwald Collection 1946.21.329


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Schanke, Louis
American, 1903 - 1981

Don Quixote and Sancho Panza [recto]

woodcut block
overall: 33.3 x 73.4 x 2 cm (13 1/8 x 28 7/8 x 13/16 in.)
Rosenwald Collection 1946.21.327.a
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Schanke, Louis
American, 1903 - 1981

Don Quixote and Sancho Panza [verso]

woodcut block
Rosenwald Collection 1946.21.327.b
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American, 1903 - 1981

Don Quixote and Sancho Panza [verso]

woodcut block
Rosenwald Collection 1946.21.326.b
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American, 1903 - 1981

Don Quixote and Sancho Panza

color woodcut [finished proof]
Rosenwald Collection 1946.21.328
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American, 1903 - 1981

Forms in Action

1941

woodcut in black on japan paper
block: 25.3 x 35.2 cm (9 15/16 x 13 7/8 in.)
sheet: 30.7 x 43.7 cm (12 1/16 x 17 3/16 in.)
Johnson 1974, no. 30
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American, 1903 - 1981

Composition with Figures

1942

color woodcut on japan paper
block: 20.4 x 35.4 cm (8 1/16 x 13 15/16 in.)
sheet: 25.5 x 40.5 cm (10 1/16 x 15 15/16 in.)
Johnson 1974, no. 27
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American, 1903 - 1981

Abstract Landscape

color woodcut
Rosenwald Collection 1946.21.333
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American, 1903 - 1981

Brown and Black

1939

color woodcut on japan paper
image: 20 x 24.8 cm (7 7/8 x 9 3/4 in.)
sheet: 22.8 x 30.5 cm (9 x 12 in.)
Johnson 1974, no. 16
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Study in Green and Black

1941

color woodcut on japan paper
block: 25.5 x 35.3 cm (10 1/16 x 13 7/8 in.)
sheet: 33.8 x 45 cm (13 5/16 x 17 11/16 in.)
Johnson 1974, no. 35
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