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# HOLIDAY BROADSIDE

*Featuring Robert Frost and J. J. Lanckes*



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J. J. Lankes (1884-1960)

Woodcut print, 1923

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## CARPE DIEM

Age saw two quiet children  
Go loving by at twilight,  
He knew not whether homeward,  
Or outward from the village,  
Or (chimes were ringing) churchward.  
He waited (they were strangers)  
Till they were out of hearing  
To bid them both be happy.  
“Be happy, happy, happy,  
And seize the day of pleasure.”  
The age-long theme is Age’s.  
’Twas Age imposed on poems  
Their gather-roses burden  
To warn against the danger  
That overtaken lovers  
From being overflooded  
With happiness should have it  
And yet not know they have it.  
But bid life seize the present?  
It lives less in the present  
Than in the future always,  
And less in both together  
Than in the past. The present  
Is too much for the senses,  
Too crowding, too confusing—  
Too present to imagine.

– Robert Frost



Featuring Robert Frost's poem "Carpe Diem" and three woodcut prints by J. J. Lankes, the 2013 Holiday Broadside celebrates the one-year anniversary of the Poetry Collection's Victor E. Reichert Robert Frost Collection and the recent launch of a new endowment to support it. A digital collection and select images from the Reichert Frost Collection are available through the Poetry Collection and the UB Libraries store: [library.buffalo.edu/robertfrost](http://library.buffalo.edu/robertfrost). This version of the broadside is published in an edition of 1,200. There is also a limited letterpress edition of 200.

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