The Heart of Leonardo
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Considering how to navigate chaos and cosmos raises existential questions of where we are in the world, how we got here and where we are headed. These are the questions to ask as we earthlings find ourselves at a collective inflection point: inflection, “the point of a curve at which a change in the direction of curvature occurs.” Change is often painful and complicated, if not chaotic. It can also deepen empathy, humility, resilience. How might Leonardo’s community of visionaries apply the creative lens to guide the changing direction of humanity’s future? How might this coax the long arc of history through chaos toward justice?

This special issue of Leonardo embraces the power of creativity to address chaos and cosmos, crossing boundaries of language, geography and discipline. At Leonardo, we champion humanity’s potential to overcome injustice and transcend historical divides through the free and open exchange of ideas, culture and science.

Leonardo is deeply grateful to our partnership with CYFEST for this historic collaboration. Artist Bettina Forget’s article “Women With Impact: Taking One Small Step into the Universe” could be a subtitle for the issue itself, describing the extraordinary artists, writers and editors whose contributions bring this work to life in Leonardo. Their art and writings offer a glimpse of powerful, personal and provocative insights from the frontlines of new frontiers in space exploration. Underlying all their work are courage and innovation fueled by creative collaboration, contemplation, connectivity/communication, content and critique. They all share what matters most in chaos and cosmos: Art matters. Science matters. Truth matters. Our place in the universe matters. This is the heart of Leonardo.

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