

# Happy Holidays from the Simons Center for Geometry and Physics



Wishing you good health,  
peace, and creativity throughout the New Year

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## A Word from the Director

Several decades ago, Gabriel Garcia Marquez wrote a remarkable book: *Love in the Time of Cholera*. There are quite a number of parallels between this book and the current situation, and perhaps in the near future some literary luminary will write a novel about Science in the Time of the Covid.

This past year, we were fortunate to have visitors attend most of our in-person activities. Programs and workshops have increased substantially and we approach a promising new year full of new and exciting events, collaborations, and activities. We have also extended the Scientific Advisory Committee to help broaden the scope of those involved to offer a richer, wider collective of researchers. We continue to explore the possibilities of hybrid encounters, and recently had a three-day collaboration meeting that took place simultaneously at Stony Brook and Edinburgh (UK).

We were finally able to present the wonderful *M.C. Escher: A Mini-Retrospective* exhibition, which had originally been planned for last year's 10th Anniversary celebration. If you didn't get an opportunity to see the exhibition, you can now view the catalog on our website.

In spite of the difficulties and restrictions imposed by Covid, we had a very successful year. I would like to thank all the members of our community, as well as the staff of the SCGP, for their effort and commitment. Next year will be even more extensive and exciting, and simply can't wait to see what the future holds for us.

I wish everyone a happy holiday season filled with plenty of health, peace, and creativity for 2022.

Luis Álvarez-Gaumé  
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