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- 1 Christian Lavigne, 'Chant Cosmique', 1994. Stereolithographic print. © Christian Lavigne.
- 3 Bram Geenen, 'Gaudi chair', c. 2010. Laser sintered nylon.
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2 Mary Visser, 'Circle of Life', 2011. © Mary Visser.

The French artist Christian Lavigne created the first French stereolithographic print in 1994 and around the same time founded 'Ars Mathmatetica' in conjuction with Alexandre Vitkine and the American visual artist Mary Visser.⁴⁴ Lavigne outlined the origins of this:

Our non-profit association, Ars Mathematica, was founded 20 years ago, and we have accumulated considerable knowledge on techniques and artists of this new discipline, 'Cybersculpture'. We organized the first worldwide computer sculpture exhibition in 1993 at the Ecole Polytechnique in Paris, and then the exhibition became the biennial 'Intersculpt'. Personally, I started to use the computer in art at the beginning of the 1980s, and I first used a CNC machine in 1985. In 1994, I materialized the first digital sculpture in France, with the help of the Ecole Centrale Paris and the Association Française de Prototypage Rapide.

Originally, the sculpture (entitled 'Chant Cosmique') was planned to be built in 1990 with the RP process invented in Nancy by the Pr. Jean-Claude Andre. It's important to know that the sterolithography process was simultaneously invented and patented first in France and then in the USA.

Professor Mary Visser teaches sculpture and computer imaging at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas. She organized one of the first juried national digital art exhibitions for the Brown Symposium in the early 1980s. Visser received a Mundy Fellowship for rapid prototyping in 2002 where she completed a Partnership in Stereo Modeling with PRISM Labs, Inc. at Arizona State University. She was one of the curators for the International Rapid Prototyping Sculpture exhibition touring since 2003. Most recently she received a Cullen grant to work with Accelerated Technologies to produce large-