

## INTRODUCTION

It would seem that the very word "cat" sets the imagination furiously to work. Nor can any editor guess in how many directions at once. *Catfantastic IV* sees some familiar characters returning for further adventures, and introduces new ones as well. Also this year the offerings are international, one being from New Zealand and one from South Korea.

You shall meet wizards' four-footed helpers (often quite a bit more intelligent than their so-called masters), talented Japanese cats able to improvise a Noh play to interest a lordling, a cat who is a strict judge of the very best in jazz, a cat who chooses reincarnation to aid a beloved human companion, cats who deal with Jinns and Angels, and a number more, all at home in this universe, world, or time, or journeying to other places of feline activity.

It all adds up to one point of blazing importance—in all dimensions there is nothing equal to a CAT!

—*Andre Norton*