

**BA BIEN-U**  
**Korean artist**

BA BIEN-U is seen as a master of contemporary photography in South Korea but he is also reknown all over the world. A photo of Bae Bien-U costs around 100 million won ( \$86,603) in South Korea, but the price is higher abroad, the artist said in 2012.

The artist

Ba Bien-U is born in 1950 in Yeosu, South Korea. He graduated from Hongik University in Seoul in 1978; he is currently a professor of photography at the Seoul Institute of the Arts.

Artwork

Since 1985, Ba Bien-U has focused on pine forests, a very important symbol of Korean culture and soul, considered as the junction between earth and sky. Thus " The pines of Gyeon Gju" are a major work of the artist. Bae Bien-U brings out the vital energy of trees. He uses plays of shadows and lights, pushing back the contours, creating an atmosphere that encourages meditation. There is a lot of serenity in his work. He also photographs the plains, oceans and mountains that merge with the sky. He is always in harmony with nature. The composition of his photos, usually in black and white, also recalls the techniques of traditional Far Eastern painting. Bae Bien-U has worked on the Chambord Forest a dozen times and several seasons in recent years. He was in residence at the Chambord estate in 2014 and 2015. The result of his work was presented in an exhibition in Chambord from September 29, 2015 to April 10, 2016. This exhibition opened the cross year of france and Korea.