

Biography of Professor Xu Bing

Xu Bing was born in 1955 in Chongqing, China, and raised in Beijing. He graduated from the Central Academy of Fine Arts in Beijing in 1981 and remained at the academy – joining as a faculty member. In 1990, Xu visited the United States as an honorary artist. Throughout his career, Xu Bing has received numerous prestigious accolades, including the MacArthur Fellowship Genius Grant (1999), the Artes Mundi Prize in Wales (2004) the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Southern Graphics Council (2007), and the CAFA Agnès Varda Award for Star of the Year (2018). Internationally acclaimed as one of the most innovative contemporary artists, Xu Bing masterfully blends traditional Chinese culture with contemporary elements, transcending cultural confines and expanding horizons of thought, garnering widespread acclaim and attention.

Xu Bing has seamlessly blended tradition with modernity, Eastern with Western influences, and technology with humanity using a distinctive artistic language. Actively pushing beyond boundaries of artistic expression, he continues to bring viewers multidimensional spaces for contemplation through novel approaches. His creations are not only visual spectacles but also resonate with our emotions, inspiring viewers to transcend conventional frameworks of thought.

With the rising emergence of private aerospace companies, new avenues have opened up for creative endeavours in space art. In early 2024, Xu Bing merged art creation with aerospace technology, achieving the successful launch of the Art Satellite SCA-1 into space.

Xu Bing's SCA-1 satellite facilitates real-time, creative interaction between the Earth and space through reciprocal information sharing. The satellite, equipped with a screen and a selfie camera, enables the display of digital data transmitted from the ground – comprising videos and photographs – while capturing live imagery of Earth and the convergence of 'Where Sky and Earth Meet'.

In the past year, Xu Bing Studio and Beijing Wanhu Chuangshi initiated the Star Chain of Art Project and, through the Xu Bing Art Satellite Creative Residency Programme, have provided more individuals with opportunities to engage in the field of space art.