'I tell people that I don't make art films, I make people films... portraits rather than profiles'

Jake Auerbach is a British film maker specialising in documentary subjects. Though his films have ranged across the cultural spectrum he is best known for his portraits of artists both contemporary and historical.

"Auerbach is regarded as a maverick in the world of documentary, backing his own judgment rather than constructing films to suit broadcasters; he works, where possible, with the artists themselves, without the intervention of interpreters."

Jake was born in Sheffield, Yorkshire and educated in North London; he then joined the Economist newspaper. After two years he left to join the Henson Organisation, working on *The Muppet Show* and *Dark Crystal*... also spending a brief time as a puppeteer, most notably on *Return of the Jedi* as Jabba the Hutt's cheek puff.

Auerbach then worked in the USA on the film *Haunted* before returning to the UK and the editing department of the BBC. After a year in the cutting rooms working on strands such as *Arena*, *Omnibus* and *Horizon* he began to direct. There followed films on rock music, photography, Voodoo, football and major documentaries about London, the art market and filmed portraits of artists. In 1992 he left the BBC to become an independent.

He now runs Jake Auerbach Films Ltd. - http://www.jakeauerbachfilms.com/

The company's films include portraits of Lucian Freud, Walter Sickert, Allen Jones, Rodin, R. B. Kitaj, Paula Rego and the feature length *Last Art Film* and have been broadcast and shown in museums around the world... Seasons of his work have been shown at Abbot Hall, Pallant House and The National Portrait Gallery in London.

FILMS

The Ponderosa Stomp (90 minutes)	Prod/Director	JAFilms 2016
20 Sites <i>n</i> Years (47 minutes)	Prod/Director	JAFilms 2016
FRANK (56 minutes)	Prod/Director	JAFilms 2015
The Last Art Film (90 minutes)	Prod/Director	JAFilms 2012
Paula Rego (50)	Prod/Director	JAFilms 2009
Allen Jones (59)	Prod/Director	JAFilms 2007
Rodin (53)	Prod/Director	JAFilms 2006
John Virtue's London (50)	Prod/Director	JAFilms 2005
Lucian Freud: Portraits (68)	Prod/Director	JAFilms/BBC 2004
Restoration (14 short films)	Prod/Director	Endemol/BBC 2003
Titian (50)	Prod/Director	National Gallery 2003
Frank Auerbach (53)	Producer	HRJAFilms/BBC 2002
A Portrait of Majesty (20)	Prod/Director	BBC 2001

Orange Juice (short drama)	Producer	Various 2000/1
Private View Project	Chairman	L Ashley Found. '96-9
Patrick Hughes (20)	Director	Various 1996
Kitaj; In the Picture (50)	Director	HRJAFilms/BBC 1995
Sickert's London (50)	Director	HRJAFilms/BBC 1994
Missing Pictures series (20s)	Director	HRJAFilms/BBC 1993
The Nation (60)	Prod/Director	BBC 1991/2
Nevin: Picture Hunt (40)	Director	BBC 1991
Phillips: Artists Eye (40)	Prod/Director	BBC 1990
Rego: Artists Eye (40)	Prod/Director	BBC 1990
Sickert in Liverpool (20)	Director	BBC 1989
Bandes Designee (15)	Director	BBC 1989
Cindy Palmano (20)	Director	BBC 1989
Lucian Freud (50)	Prod/Director	BBC 1988
Jeffrey Bernard (20)	Director	BBC 1988
Freud (20)	Prod/Director	BBC 1988
Frank Zappa (20)	Director	BBC 1988
History Painting (20)	Director	BBC 1987