

LUCIAN FREUD

A SELF PORTRAIT

PRODUCER **PHIL GRABSKY** | DIRECTOR **DAVID BICKERSTAFF**

From the Director:

The journey we take with these films sometimes offers great access to the workings of an artist's mind and a visit to Lucian Freud's studio was one of those revealing moments. It is everything you think an artist studio should be. Brushes and paint adorn every surface. The smell of oil and turpentine fills the air as easels stand ready for art to be made. Freud's presence fills the room. His mark is splattered across the walls rising out of piles of cloth that are left used and abandoned. Beautiful light shifts from the daylight studio to the night studio and the creaking floors support the remains of props so famously depicted in his paintings - a bed, an enormous mirror, a palette and a worn-out chair waiting for the next sitter. For Lucian Freud, the act of 'looking' was everything. This film is very much about the self, the progress of time and one man's intense struggle with the making of making art.

David Bickerstaff

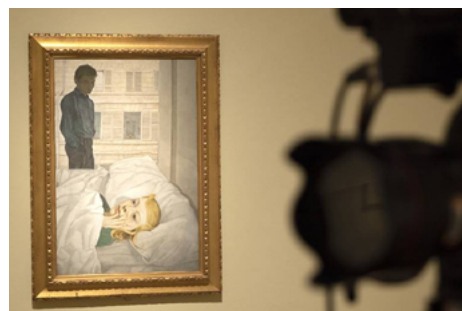
From the Producer:

Freud's intense and unflinching gaze has produced a body of powerful, figurative works that places him in the very forefront of great British painting. Across a period of 64 years, he produced more than 50 paintings, drawings and prints of his own image; brought together in this landmark exhibition at the Royal Academy of Arts in London, in this Exhibition on Screen we bring one of Britain's leading artists to cinema-goers around the world.

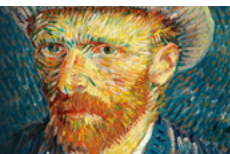
Phil Grabsky

"Art lovers will enjoy the explication of Freud's working methods, the close-ups of cruddy brushes; while gossip-fanciers will lap up the 'bad boy' anecdotes."

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