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Saturday, August 9

Werner Herzog Eats His Shoe

USA. 1980.

20 minutes

Director/Cinematography: Les Blank; Producer: Tom Luddy; Sound recording/Editing: Maureen Gosling; Apprentice Editor: Frances Politel; Assistants: Michael Goodwin, Harrod Blank.

Werner Herzog tries to spice up his desert boot with hot sauce and rosemary when required to make good his vow to "eat his shoe" if Errol Morris ever got around to making a film. Les Blank follows Herzog around Berkeley on the day of the event, capturing his less-than-pleased consumption of his shoe, which he stuffs with onions and garlic and boils in duck fat to make it palatable. The film is completely humorous, and gives Blank a chance to poke some fun at his own obsession with food and eating. J.B.