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# **BELLEVILLE BABY**

A few years ago, filmmaker Mia Engberg made headlines with her project Dirty Diaries, in which she produced feminist porn financed by Swedish state film funds. Her latest feature length film Belleville Baby tells the true story about love, time and things that got lost along the way.

Belleville Baby begins with a phone call from a long lost lover. He tells her he has spent a long time in jail and that he is trying to put the pieces of his life together. He asks her kindly if she could tell some of her memories from their common past.

She is reluctant at first. Many years have passed and she leads another life now. She can't remember their time together...or she doesn't want to. But little by little, memories are coming back to her and she starts to tell their story. She remembers the spring when they met in Paris, the riots, the Vespa and the cat named Baby. She also remembers that one day he disappeared, and that life changed.

The story is put together with Super 8 footage from now and then: his mobile phone images from Paris and her 16mm footage from Stockholm. The past, the present, memories and imagination are all linked together like a puzzle. Slowly, different versions of the truth appear and it seems they don't remember the same story. Is it possible that we create our memories to invent ourselves?

The film raises questions about identity and class. Who is to become a bank robber and who is to be a film director, and at what point in our lives is our fate sealed?

Nominated for Best Nordic Documentary at Gothenburg International Film Festival and Best Feature Length Documentary at the Stockholm Tempo festival. International premiere at Berlinale 2013.





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Production facts **Belleville Baby** Year of production: 2013 Format: DCP, Blu-ray Duration: 75min

## Director: Mia Engberg Producer: Tobias Janson Music Composer and Dramaturg: Michel Wenzer Supervisor: Kalle Boman Voice of Vincent: Olivier Desautel First Assistant Director: Åsa Sandzén Stills: Christian Demare Sound Design: Jan Alvermark Sound Mix: Jan Alvermark and Owe Svensson Camera and Editing: Mia Engberg Additional Camera: Albin Biblom, Ewa Cederstam Graphic Art: Jacob Frössén

- Casting: Elsa Pharaon, Anne Agbadou-Masson, **Catarina Ramstedt**
- Production Assistants: Jeroen Pool, Sophie Vukovic,
- Tim Dahlberg
- Grading: Martin Steinberg
- Online: Rickard Petersen
- Conform and Mastering: Mattias Olsson
- Super8 scanner: Nordisk Film Post Production
- Made with support from: Swedish Film Institute (Tove Torbiörnsson, Suzanne Glansborg), MEDIA Plus Slate Funding, Konstnärsnämnden, **Centre Culturel Suédois**
- In Co-production with: Sveriges Television, Ingemar Persson
- Production company: Story AB



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**Mia Engberg** is a director and producer based in Stockholm. She has made several short films and documentary films and is one of the filmmakers behind the production company Story. Her recent project Dirty Diaries-12 shorts of feminist porn received widespread attention both in Sweden and abroad.

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#### Filmography:

2013 - Belleville Baby 2009 - Dirty Diaries 2007 - Come Together 2005 - 165 Hässelby 2002 - Bitch & Butch 2001 - Selma & Sofie 1999 - California über alles 1999 - Manhood 1997 - Kött är mord 1997 - The Stars We Are

- 1996 Parkside Girls
- 1994 Les enfants du square



#### Belleville Baby Screening Schedule at the Berlinale Panorama

08/02/2013	14.30	CineStar7	Press
12/02/2013	18.00	Cubix 8	Premiere
14/02/2013	17.00	CineStar7	
15/02/2013	12.00	CineStar7	
17/02/2013	20.00	CineStar7	

**Story AB** is a production company based in Stockholm, Sweden, and producing long, short as well as animated documentary films for television, cinema and the internet. Several of our productions have been financed by the Swedish Film Institute and commissioned by the Swedish Television. We also take on co-productions with international financing. The objective is to produce internationally with a global distribution. We are also engaged in producing and promoting the work of new and emerging filmmakers. Story's films have been screened in festivals around the world, and have won numerous awards both in Sweden and abroad. Recently Story's productions have won the Swedish Film Institute's Guldbagge Award in 2012 for Best Music and Editing (The Black Power Mixtape 1967-1975) and for Best Documentary (At Night I Fly), and a Sundance Award in 2011 for Best Editing (The Black Power Mixtape 1967-1975). The Black Power Mixtape 1967-1975 has been screened in 22 territories.

