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# NORMAL

A FILM BY OLIVIER BABINET

2023 – FRANCE – COMEDY/DRAMA – 2K – 5.1 – FRENCH – 87'



## SYNOPSIS

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14-year-old Lucie is a resourceful teenager who takes care of her loving yet unreliable father, William, who has multiple sclerosis. Whilst William hangs out in his bathrobe and devises pranks and jokes to make his daughter smile, Lucie tries her best at school while juggling a job in a sandwich shop and all the chores at home. Her vividly imaginative mind and the novel she is writing are her only distractions. But when a social worker is appointed to visit them, Lucie and William elaborate a complex plan to make social services believe they live a perfectly normal life.

## ABOUT OLIVIER BABINET

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Olivier Babinet was born in Strasbourg, France, in 1971. He stop school when he was 17 years old and move to Paris. His first feature film Robert Mitchum is dead, was screened at the 63rd Cannes Film Festival at the Acid. The film won the Grand Prix at the Festival Premiers Plans d'Angers and was nominated as best first film at the Raindance London Festival. In parallel to his activities as a screenwriter and director, Olivier Babinet worked for two years with school children in Aulnay-sous-Bois. In a neighborhood where 50% of families live below the poverty line. This collaboration resulted in the production of 8 short fantasy and science fiction films by these teenagers. As the meetings progressed, the idea of making a documentary film about them was born. Four years in all, spent in immersion with them. Swagger was presented at the 2016 Cannes Film Festival, ACID selection. At the time of its release, it received a unanimous welcome from the critics. Then the film was selected for the Césars (the French Oscars) and the Lumière prize. It won the Nigel Moore Award at the Vancouver Film Festival, the Grand Prize for Best Documentary at the Construire Cine Festival in Buenos Aires, and a special mention at the Festival dei Popoli in Florence. In its first week online on MUBI USA, the film was listed among the 1000 best films of all time. Olivier Babinet is a member of the American artist collective "We are Familia" and has directed numerous music videos.

His latest feature film, SEXFISH won the Jury Prize at the Bordeaux Independent Film Festival. And India Hair, its main performer, was nominated for Revelation 2021 at the Césars.

His new feature film, NORMAL, produced by Haut et Court and Page 1, gona be in theaters the 5 th of April 2023 in France.

### FILMOGRAPHY

<b>2023</b>	<b>NORMAL</b>   Feature
<b>2020</b>	<b>SEXFISH</b>   Feature
<b>2016</b>	<b>SWAGGER</b>   Documentary Feature
<b>2010</b>	<b>ROBERT MITCHUM IS DEAD</b>   Feature

## CAST

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William	Benoît POELVOORDE
Lucie	Justine LACROIX
Etienne	Joseph ROZÉ
Dominique Toussaint	Steve TIENTCHEU
Sélim	Sofian KHAMMES
Physics teacher	Saadia BENTAÏEB Mr.
Chagny	Geoffrey CAREY
Stéphanie Bainville	Mayline DUBOIS
Nurse	Candice BOUCHET

## CREW

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Director	Olivier BABINET
Adapted from the play	MONSTER IN THE HALL by David GREIG
Writers	Juliette SALES & Fabien SUAREZ Olivier BABINET
Photography	Jean-François HENSGENS, AFC, SBC
Set Artist	Toma BAQUENI
Original Music	Jean-Benoît DUNCKEL
Editing	Yorgos LAMPRINOS
Sound	Pascal JAMES, François AUBINET, Franco PISCOPO
Costume Designer	Frédéric CAMBIER
Hair & Makeup	Sandra CAMPISI and Catherine TILMANT
First Assistants Director	Marie DOLLER and Céline BAILBLED
Script supervisor	Julie DARFEUIL
Production Manager	Julie FLAMENT, ADP
Producers	Barbara LETELLIER and Carole SCOTTA
Associate Producers	Simon ARNAL, Caroline BENJO Juliette SALES & Fabien SUAREZ
Co-producer	Joseph ROUSCHOP et Valérie BOURNONVILLE
French Distribution	Haut et Court
International sales	mk2 Films

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