

A short film by **LEILA ALBAYATY**

produced by . . . . . STEMPEL / TABULA RASA

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**VU**



**PRESS KIT**

**25' • 35MM • COLOR • 1/1:66 • DTS • ENGLISH SUBTITLES**

**Synopsis**

Back home, Leila was involved in a mysterious car accident that her mind has blocked from her memory.

Now it's summer, and Leila escapes on a Roman holiday to tend to her wounds in the arms of her sister, Anna.

But the two sisters can't connect and if Leila's going to recover, she'll have to take the first steps alone...

## Information

title ..... VU  
international title ..... VU

### technical informations

format ..... 35mm  
aspect ratio ..... 1/1.66  
film speed ..... 25fps  
length ..... 25'40"  
footage ..... 806 meters  
number of reel ..... 2  
sound ..... DTS-SR  
year of production ..... 2009

### cast

leila ..... Leila Albayaty  
anna ..... Hana Al Bayaty  
poet ..... Salvatore Samone  
francesco ..... Francesco Casale  
chess player ..... Il Bello Federico

### crew

director ..... Leila Albayaty  
writer ..... Leila Albayaty  
1<sup>st</sup> assistant director ..... Erik Lambert  
photography ..... Sébastien Koeppel  
camera assistant ..... Lou Vernin  
sound engineers ..... Thomas Rathier  
..... Arnaud Riedinger  
grip / gaffers ..... Christophe Bouckaert  
..... Eve Duchemin  
..... Michel Balagué  
costume design ..... Claire Dubien

original music composed and recorded by  
**Leila Albayaty & Arnaud Paquette**

film & sound editing ..... Leila Albayaty  
sound mixing ..... Gilles Benardeau

credits ..... Stempel  
digital color grading ..... Mike Joris  
shoot 2K ..... Gilles Bissot

unit managers ..... Christian Bitsch  
..... Valentina Orio  
production manager ..... Orlan Roy  
production assistant ..... Livia Monbelli  
producer ..... Julien Sigalas  
production company ..... Stempel & Tabula Rasa

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### **Leila Albayaty**

After studies in music - the violin - and architecture in France, **Leila Albayaty** started at the IAD (Institut des Arts de Diffusion) Film School in Brussels.

She left the film school after some months and directed a documentary, "**Vacances**" (Holidays), a video log of a journey throughout southern Europe with a caravan, but with no car.

In parallel to her work as a video artist, she also worked on compositions for several performances and short films.

In 2006, she brought out an album of her own music, "**Dans le soleil**", on the french label Stupid Competitions; a sensitive record, on the edge of pop, song writing and electronic music in which one discovers a world tinted with cinematographic atmospheres, at the same time melancholic, fragile, disturbing and modern...

She then returned to film-making by shooting her first fiction short film, **VU**, in Rome.

Leila Albayaty lives and works between Berlin and Brussels. She is currently working on her next album.

**Is it true?**

Is it false?

Is it me?

When I'm told stories...

I ask myself:

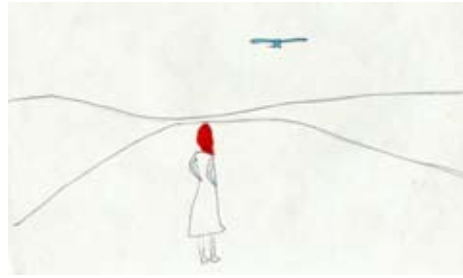
Is it true?

Is it false?

Since the accident, I have amnesia.

Today, I'm heading off to the sun,

To visit my sister, Anna.



We were both brought up by mum,

Who for us went without,

And worked so very hard.

**We are both ready to lose our minds**

Trying to find a handsome man,

Trying to find a handsome man.



I love you madly

I love you madly

Your face, forgotten.

Your face, massacred by memory.

Stars draw closer,

Then grow further apart, from each other.

I grow further apart from you.

The stars don't touch each other.

**Maybe that's why you pushed me...**



When I walk,

I see you everywhere,

And I ask you why

I'm alone with myself

and I'd like to be another...

always.

And I would like to be another, always.

And in the shadows

Your silhouette emerges.

I see you,

touch you,

imagine you everywhere,

watching me.

I want to be what you desire,

and also what you dislike.

I dream of being a normal girl,

**and all I want is to forget you aren't there.**



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