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Berlin: 'Sly Cooper' Video Game to Get Film Adaptation (Exclusive)

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^[1] Rainmaker Entertainment

Sly Cooper, the popular video game series about an orphaned raccoon thief, is getting the film treatment.

Animation studio Rainmaker Entertainment and indie production company Blockade Entertainment are teaming up to create a 3D CG-animated feature based on the popular video game. They're looking toward an early 2016 release.

The film is written and directed by **Kevin Munroe** (*TMNT*) and produced by Blockade's CEO **Brad Foxhoven** and vp development **David Wohl**, along with Rainmaker's **Kim Dent Wilder**. Rainmaker president **Michael Hefferon** is serving as executive producer.

The story will follow the titular character, who, along with his childhood best friends Bentley Turtle and Murray Hippo, races to reassemble pieces of an ancient book holding his family secrets before it can fall into the hands of Clockwerk -- an evil Russian owl bent on destroying the Cooper family line.

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Sly Cooper marks the second film being produced by Rainmaker and Blockade that's based on a video game series. They're currently in production on a film adaptation of the popular adventure series *Ratchet & Clank*. Both films are being represented internationally by Cinema Management Group, which will be showing footage from the films at the European Film Market in Berlin in February.

The *Sly Cooper* video game was originally launched in September 2002, and has gone on to spawn four full-featured games spanning PlayStation 2, PlayStation 3 and PlayStation Vita (hand-held entertainment system), a comic book series, as well as various merchandise over the past 10 years.

Co-financing was arranged by Film Financial Services, including its main partner in China, Jiangsu Broadcasting Corporation, as the lead investor in the film. Rainmaker is also an investor.

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