



Celtic Media Festival Interview

Elaine Jane, uh, can you tell me why you decided to enter the Celtic Media Festival? What actually inspired you to put together a programme?

Jane We were aware that, what used to be called then Celtic Film and Television Festival is now called the Celtic Media Festival. It's certainly a very prestigious festival within the broadcast industry, and, because of our own Celtic connection we were aware that, over the years that we've been working on Spotlight on Brittany, that we have covered, between us all, very many subjects that really do touch on the basics of Celtic life.

Elaine How did you decide to put the three different pieces together? What made you choose those three in particular?

Jane Well we felt that they were very good at illustrations of life in Brittany, particularly rural Brittany of today and of the past and the past and present in the Celtic world are very closely linked. So, we had that marvellous evening up in Lan Uvelan at New Year in the Gallo tradition, so that we had done a half hour programme from that. Then we took the, um, the programme we had done from Saint Andoré(?) the great Pardon there which goes back so many centuries but also has young singers of today making music that relates to the past. And the third element was the Occupation and those wonderful little portraits of simple lives in rural areas lived under the kosh of the Reich and people were very moved by that.

Elaine So can you tell me how you felt when you heard that the , your entry had been short-listed in the Radio Documentary category?

Padraig Well I think it.. it's terrific you know, to be nominated for anything but I think it also.... it does justice to the kind of lives that are led in Brittany. It's a marvellous place to live and to go on holiday, and, in many ways we would feel that it's uh, it's one of those secrets of Europe. Not enough people know about it and the opportunity to be able to tell a wider audience something about the lives contained within those three elements of the programme, well, you know it was a no.... no-brainer really.

Elaine Many congratulations and, tell me, how.... have you enjoyed the festival over the last couple of days?

Jane Oh, it's always a great Festival. You meet so many old friends and

you make new friends and I hope you've enjoyed it as well.

Elaine The atmosphere's been absolutely fantastic. It's been lovely and people so friendly.

Jane And nice for us to have you here in Northern Ireland.

Elaine It's really my first visit to Northern Ireland. We've got the sunshine, we've got the company and the Guinness.