



## Rob interviews Aurelien Audreno and Etienne Le Roy on “Horror Academy”

Rob: If you go onto YouTube and tap *Horror Academy*, you’ll come across a rather startling video which is the work of an association here in Gourin called Horror Academy. And I’m with Aurelien Audreno.

Aurelien: Yup. It is a pleasure to be with you.

Rob: And Etienne Le Roy.

Etienne: Yeah, nice to meet you.

Rob: Who are two members of the association. Now, first of all you can tell me, Aurelien, what’s this video about?

Aurelien: The video is about a countess which used to live in the 18<sup>th</sup> century in the Castle of Tronjoly, and it’s about her life, her desolation, especially with her husband, which has the problem of being too kind to other women, beside her, his wife. Well, I am not going to go in depth about the tirade, I’ll let you discover a little by yourself. But yes, it’s about how the countess discovers everything which happened around her husband and how she kind of explodes and goes into a rampage and decides to create a malédiction, a curse which will last for a century until someone decides to break the curse. Well, it’s basically a teaser for this kid game which is going to be an adult journey on the 28<sup>th</sup> October.

Rob: Etienne, tell me a little bit about this 28<sup>th</sup> October in the Chateau of Tronjoly here in Gourin. What’s going to happen?

Etienne: There will be many things. The main event is going to be like the route from the wood when she is like escaping starting around like 6 p.m. to probably 1 a.m.

Rob: Quite a long evening.

Etienne: Yeah. It’s not forbidden but not really advised to bring below 14 years old.

Rob: Not below 14.

Etienne: But before 7 p.m. there will be a few hours where children can actually do the route, the journey that we’re talking about.

Rob: Okay. In the woods around the castle?

Aurelien: So it will be less frightening for the child and alongside that we’ll have in the chateau, for the castle of Tronjoly and the whole of Tronjoly we will actually have a small maze for children to be able also to have a little fright, be a little scared. We will also have a comedian which will be there to recount some stories, horror stories.

Rob: Because we mustn’t forget that it’s Halloween that we’re talking about here.

Etienne: Of course.



Rob: I've never done an escape game before but I understand there's a certain time element. You have to solve a riddle, you have to solve a problem in a very short time.

Aurelien: Yeah.

Etienne: Actually in most of escape games it is but not in ours where escaping is really made to be an horrific one.

Rob: It's going to frighten people, is it?

Etienne: Of course, it will be scary. So, if we put the time limit to this people are gonna really, like freak out and it is not the point.

Rob: The point is to scare people, is it?

Etienne: Yeah.

Aurelien: To scare but also to be able to discover the story of the countess and in this case they really have to solve every riddle and discover the story alongside each of these. A complete tour of the wood is about one hour or two, one hour thirty.

Rob: And it's all going to be done in the dark.

Aurelien: Yeah, it's going to be in the dark.

Etienne: Two labyrinths with a dimension. First, there will be two fire shows.

Aurelien: Basically fire performers which actually juggle with balls of fire, something like that. Actually also a play out with fluorescent paint, especially in the night it's impressive and yes, besides that we are also going to broadcast the final of the rugby world cup.

Rob: We never know. Maybe France features in the final.

Etienne: I mean, well we are favorite so.

Aurelien: We don't want any certainty. I am quite sure our future participants don't want any certainty. So we will broadcast that, even if France doesn't end up in the final.

Rob: I first heard about your association because I saw a photograph in the newspaper which shows you all disguised. You actually made the video, is that right?

Aurelien: Yeah. We did actually.

Rob: Are you video technicians?

Aurelien: No, we are not. The last year we already did a little teaser for our parcours and we wanted to step up a little our games and the brother of our president, Julie Pierret, is actually a video technician in class and with some friends of his he came to help us in the making of that teaser.

Rob: Okay, because it looks very professional, it looks very frightening, very dark.

Aurelien: Yeah, we definitely tried to step up our game, again with multiple cameras, professional cameras, microphone and we decided to, even though we are not professional, to still play the multiple casting roles.

Rob: What was the best thing about making the video?

Etienne: I personally really enjoyed it when I discovered the story and when I visualized what character I am going to be, and it's quite a good story. I personally like it. Of course it was like hard to make the video but I think we are all really proud of it.

Rob: We'll just have a quick reminder. Now, we're talking about the 28<sup>th</sup> of October.

Aurelien: Yes.

Rob: Which is very close to Halloween.

Aurelien: It's on a Saturday.

Rob: Starting in the afternoon.

Aurelien: But people can come at 2 p.m. until, well the last participant will be able to start at midnight. And after that, yeah like Etienne said, people end the parcours around 1 a.m. sortier.

Rob: So people can come at midnight?

Aurelien: Yeah.

Etienne: Until midnight.

Rob: And is there a winner?

Aurelien: No. Well, you win if you are able to end and you finish the parcours and solve the case and well, break the curse.

Etienne: Which might not be as simple as you, as we expect.

Rob: It sounds easy but perhaps it is not so easy.

Aurelien: Yeah. Not so easy.

Etienne: I think it can look easy in daylight, especially but not that simple when you are in the woods by night.

Aurelien: Expecting something to come out from behind every tree you see. Yeah, I think the waiting for something to happen is what will make it harder to solve and break the curse. For now we have 100 participants already, because you can book.

Rob: Ah, tell me how to do that.

Aurelien: On our social medias, Instagram and Facebook, we've already well put out the number you can go in order to book the tour.



Rob: Is it going to cost anything?

Aurelien: The whole tour costs eight euros. During the day we will also have a restaurant and you'll be able to eat some crepes. We also have a bar which will serve water, coke.

Rob: Blood, perhaps?

Aurelien: Yeah, of course, blood.

Rob: There'll be blood, there'll be blood.

Etienne: Mainly red wine but it looks like blood.

Rob: Okay. Well, Aurelien Audreno and Etienne Le Roy thank you very much indeed and good luck with your special event at Halloween.

Aurelien & Etienne:

Yeah, it was a pleasure, thank you. It was a pleasure.