



Fabien Laubé – Motte le Son

Rob: I'm in the village of La Motte, which is just north of Loudéac, and I'm speaking with Fabien Laubé who is the president of an association which is called "Motte le Son". First of all, explain what "Motte le Son" means.

Fabien: Motte le Son means, in French you know, you can say "Monte le son" which means "level up", yes, "put the level on", so that's why we, we choose this, this word, because we are an association which is, euh, working with music, with festival music, so... that's why we choose this.

Rob: And your association is organising a special day, on the 15th of June (yes), Saturday the 15th of June, as part of the Fête de la Musique all over France (yes). Your association is doing something a bit different this year...

Fabien: Yeah, this year we choose a different subject, um, and this year it's gonna be UK. We choose this because we love the city of London, we love the UK culture, and music in England and in the UK, and that's why we choose this, because, um, you know, we have a lot of ideas with this subject to do animations, to do music, to do other things you know.

Rob: And there's going to be bands playing (yes), English bands?

Fabien: Yes, English bands, Gad Zukes, which is, um, actually live in Brittany, but, it's five boys and girls originally from England and I believe they are brothers and sisters. And it's a great band!

Rob: And you've got another musician ...

Fabien: Yes, which is Michael Jones, it's a very famous guitarist in France. He was Jean-Jacques Goldman's guitarist, and he's from Wales, so it was a little "clink" to UK, and I'm sure that it's the sense of humour, the English humour will appreciate that!

Rob: So there's going to be a stage with bands playing, but you're also doing other things on the 15th.

Fabien: Yes, it start on the, um, on midday you know, with a repas, a meal, yes, we start on midday with a meal...

Rob: An English menu?

Fabien: Not from midday, but after, yes, because we have burger, you know, which is not really... not totally England, but we, we are thinking about doing fish and chips, OK? We have a lot of animations around England, and a special game that our guys are doing for people, and especially for kids, that will be around maybe James Bond, maybe the Queen, we don't know yet. And I don't like to know before, because I have to be surprised; I like to be surprised. I don't know exactly what they prepare but I'm sure it's gonna be great.



Rob: It's not going to be just for English people though, is it?

Fabien: No, it's for French people, English people if they want to come, but it's really a celebration, you know, it's like a village party. You know, we like to see people, each other, from friends, for, from everywhere, from all the village. That's what we are made for, you know, the kids, with, um, parents, and their grandparents, they come together, they play together, they listen to music together... and it's totally free. So that's why we are doing that, to celebrate people, and to rassembler, (bring them together), yes, we like to bring them together, sorry.

Rob: Will there be other kinds of animations at the festival?

Fabien: We are going to have the DeLorean from "Back to the Future". Not the original one, because she is in a museum, but a car that has been designed by the man who built the first one. So we are going to have this, and I love that because when I think about England I also think about royalty, the Queen and all that stuff. For French people, it's "back to the future"! You know, we have to be back in some old time. And I hope that this car, with the man, I hope people are going to think about somewhere else.

Rob: You are a fan of England, I think you've been there a few times.

Fabien: Yes, I've been there a few times, in London, because I love music; I'm a musician too. And that's where I come to have inspiration because I love people there, I love their way of life, you know, to go to pubs, to do music everywhere. And I love the English culture, yes.

Rob: So you're a musician, so what kind of music do you play?

Fabien: I play rock'n'roll in a rock'n'roll band since, um, ten years, yes, ten years, which is called O-Nyx, and we don't play on the festival. I have enough work to do! But, uh, but we play in some other ways, you know.

Rob: So we're talking about the 15th, Saturday the 15th June (yes) in La Motte, just north of Loudéac (yes). I hope we'll be able to come and enjoy the music, and also the games that you'll be playing -and the fish and chips!

Fabien: Yeah, I hope so!

Rob: Fabien Laubé, thank you very much indeed.

Fabien: Thank you Robert.