

Patrick O'Connell biography



Service. He has been heard as a reporter or a presenter on other stations around the world, including 50 US stations which broadcast *The World*, Radio New Zealand, ABC Australia, Radio Canada, London's LBC 97.3 and Radio Scotland.

Paddy's other presenting credits include: *Flashmob – The Opera*, *Naked City*, *Spencer Tunick*, *Celebdaq*, *Liquid News*, *HardTalk Extra*, *Seven O'Clock News* (BBC Three), *World Business Report*, *Oscars Special 2006* and *Making Your Mind Up*. He has also enjoyed guest appearances on shows including *Richard And Judy*, *Headjam*, *100 Best Cartoons* and the BBC's *Never Mind The Full Stops*.

On TV, Paddy has knelt at Bill Clinton's feet to steady a microphone and was challenged by Bill Gates to debut the X-box.

He was listed among the top 40 gay men on TV by *Attitude* magazine, and is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.

He was the Wall Street anchor for the BBC and was due for a meeting at the World Trade Center on the day of the attacks on the USA in 2001. He reported on the attacks, presenting the news coverage on the evening of September 11th from New York, and covered the aftermath until leaving New York in 2003.

Having witnessed terrorism and Wall Street boom, bust and sleaze, Paddy changed direction. He currently presents BBC Two's *Working Lunch* and BBC Radio's *Broadcasting House*, and is about to jet off to Athens to present BBC Three's coverage of the semi-final of the Eurovision Song Contest.

He began his broadcasting career in radio, working for local UK stations for five years, and was hired for the launch team of BBC Radio Five Live and the launch of *The World* from WGBH in Boston and BBC World