



Television Packaging and Business Development

Big Mountain Productions

Newry, U.K. and Dundalk, Ireland

Philip McGovern and Jane Kelly created the series THE GENEALOGY ROADSHOW for RTE. In the 2012 series, genealogists focus on how participants are related to “famous and infamous” people and events in Irish history.

The challenge was to adapt the show for the U.S. audience. How would it work as a format for a country with a population of over 300,000,000, representing diverse backgrounds?

Executive Producer Stuart Krasnow teamed with PBS and Big Mountain Productions to recast the show with relatable American history stories and a cross section of ordinary people in different regions of the country. They discovered their own extraordinary heritage.

Based on the success of the first season, GENEALOGY ROADSHOW has been ordered for a second season on PBS.
