

**OLLE GERIS** (bagpipes, voice) has been involved in traditional music from a very early age.

She started by playing the flute, but this had to give way for her real passion, bagpipes. She studied bagpipes and baroque musette with Jean-Pierre Van Hees in Brussels and won first prize at the Saint-Chartier Festival in France. She also spent three years as an apprentice with bagpipe builder Rémy Dubois, then became his professional partner and is now established in her own right, building bagpipes of the highest quality.

Having made a study of all past bagpipe types in Belgium and their link with French models, she tries to find a good balance between research, craftsmanship and musicianship. She plays with *Rémy Dubois* as a bagpipes duo, with accordion player / fiddler *Willem Schot* and a variety of ensembles, including Claude Flageol's.

Recently she has also emerged as a truly remarkable singer.