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Not Sure If You're Coming or Going? This Play's for You!

On Friday, October 21, *THE LAST FIVE YEARS*, a collaboration between David Button (Jamie) and Erin Williams Bobby (Cathy), begins a two-weekend run at Clear Space Theatre. Winner of the 2002 Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Music and Lyrics, Jason Robert Brown's play recounts – almost entirely through song – a tale of romance between Jamie, an up-and-coming writer, and Cathy, a struggling actress.

Like many lovers' tales, *THE LAST FIVE YEARS* is told from two points of view as Jamie and Cathy alternate in presenting their perspectives. But unlike those same tales, it also is told from two points in time: Cathy's timeline works backward from the end of their marriage; Jamie's moves forward from the time they first meet. Their timelines intersect just once, fittingly, with a wedding song.

Excited to tackle this role, Bobby notes that, "I've been in love with this show since I was in college! I used to listen to the soundtrack the entire trip as I drove between Delaware and Syracuse. The show reveals, in such a clever way, the fluctuating nature and complexity of relationships." Button, equally enthusiastic, concurs. "This show has always been a favorite of mine. Brown's poetic lyrics and the depth of his characters are exactly what I crave when I'm acting in a musical."

Speaking to the play's challenging structure, as it moves backward and forward in time, Button notes that, "The very nature of this show serves to keep the audience engaged: People not only will be enjoying the individual stories and the music but - with the story lines running in opposite directions – they also will be calculating who is where in this relationship throughout the show." Bobby notes that – as she was introduced to the show via soundtrack only – she at first was mystified. "But I soon realized I was hearing two lovers reliving their romance in opposite chronological order. I think some people in our audience will already know the show, but even those who don't will pick up on its structure very early in the performance."

THE LAST FIVE YEARS runs two weekends, October 21 through October 30, with Friday and Saturday performances at 7:00 pm and Sunday performances at 3:00 pm. Tickets for all shows are \$15 - \$32, and may be purchased on-line at www.clearspacetheatre.org, or by calling the box office at 302-227-2270.