

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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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](http://www.clearspacetheatre.org), or by calling the box office at 302-227-2270.