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## **CentrStage presents a musical set to uplift and break your heart**

CentrStage will present its production of *The Last Five Years* at the Annexe Theatre at Inveresk this week.

*The Last Five Years* was written and composed by Jason Robert Brown and was the winner of the 2001 Drama Desk Awards for Best Music and Lyrics.

The production features an orchestra ensemble of Launceston's finest, and reunites Travis Hennessy and Georgina Todman on the stage for the first time in three years.

The show centres on the relationship between Cathy, a struggling actress, and Jamie, a rising novelist, over a five year span: Jamie's story unfolds chronologically, beginning at their first date; while Cathy's story runs backwards, starting at the end of their breakup.

"The commitment from all parties involved has been nothing short of amazing," says *The Last Five Years* director Tash McCulloch.

"Georgina is currently based in Melbourne and has been flying down each weekend for intensive rehearsals, while Travis is one of the busiest artists in Launceston.

"We also have one of the finest orchestra ensembles brought together for a musical.

"I feel incredibly privileged to be working with artists of such high calibre.

"What sets *The Last Five Years* apart as a contemporary musical is not only the structure of the show itself, but also the raw honesty in the writing.

"I think this is the reason for the show's popularity: we can identify with the emotional journey as the characters struggle with differing paths in life and ultimately drift apart."

"This is a show for anyone who has fallen in love – or fallen out of love."

*The Last Five Years* is musical theatre at its most intimate and breathtaking.

The show will run from the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> March at the Annexe Theatre, Inveresk Railyards, 7pm start. Adults \$25, UTAS Staff and Concession \$18, Students \$10. Tickets now on sale at the Princess Theatre Box Office: (03) 6323 3666 or online at

[www.theatrenorth.com.au](http://www.theatrenorth.com.au)

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