



EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE 2005  
James Seabright for Festival Highlights presents

# BILL HICKS: SLIGHT RETURN

A comedy play by Chas Early & Richard Hurst  
Directed by Richard Hurst, Performed by Chas Early

After its sell-out premiere at the Edinburgh fringe 2004, and a totally sold out season at Soho Theatre in London, this acclaimed solo show returns with newly updated material. In this comedy play the greatest comedian in the world returns for one more show: **Slight Return** is the true story of one man's attempt to change the world through stand-up comedy.

Bill Hicks' edgy, confrontational comic style has influenced many comedians; going a step further Chas Early uses his uncanny impersonation to take a look at what he would have made of the world in 2005. Unsurprisingly, he is none too impressed with the political situation and everyone from George Bush to Coldplay fall victim to a tirade of abuse.

The writing team of Chas Early & Richard Hurst have created a heartfelt, strangely moving and deeply funny show that won the admiration of Hicks fans and the utterly uninitiated alike.

**“From the point of view of appearance, movement, facial expression, delivery and content, *Slight Return* is a triumph of mimicry, research and writing”**

Julian Hall, *The Independent* \*\*\*\*

**“Achieves the impossible: a brave idea that shouldn't work – but it does”**

Malcolm Hay, *Time Out London*

**“Terrific... Chas Early gives this rollicking reincarnation integrity and wit”**

Dominic Maxwell, *Metro*

**Richard Hurst's** theatre work includes *Play Wisty For Me: The Life of Peter Cook* (Riverside Studios and Pleasance, Edinburgh), his adaptation of *Ripley Bogle* (*Time Out* Critics' Choice), and his adaptation of *Hard Times* (UK tour 2004). Richard and Chas first worked together on *Twelfth Night* (BAC), and subsequently on *This Is Pop!* (BBC Choice).

**Chas Early** has performed in many theatre productions since training at Guildford School of Acting. The defining moment that inspired him to create this show was seeing Bill Hicks live in 1992. He has been a fan ever since. Chas Early & Richard Hurst are also debuting their new co-written play *The Edinburgh Love Tour* at this year's fringe festival.

Read more about the show at [www.slightreturn.info](http://www.slightreturn.info)

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**At Pleasance (Venue 33)** 60 the Pleasance Edinburgh EH8 9TJ (Sub-venue: Upstairs)

**4-29 August 2005** (except 10 & 17 August) at **3.45pm** (1hr)

Tickets £5 - £9.50

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