



EDINBURGH FESTIVAL FRINGE 2005
James Seabright for Festival Highlights presents

THE EDINBURGH LOVE TOUR

A moving new play by Richard Hurst and Chas Early

Rosemary and Steven fell in love in Edinburgh. For them, it's the city of love – an aspect of the city often forgotten amongst the ghost tours and literary pub crawls. And that's why they run *The Edinburgh Love Tour*, a walking tour of the city devoted to its most romantic stories.

They're all here: Robert Burns, Queen Margaret and King Malcolm, even Greyfriars Bobby. And along with stories of historical Edinburgh, Steven and Rosemary also tell their own story: how they met, fell in love, and married.

However...

The course of true love never did run smooth. Their marriage isn't going well, it's only the business that's keeping them together, although they can't agree on whose idea the tour was in the first place, and who would run it if they split. As the tour progresses, revelations are made and arguments spiral out of control.

How can this end well? It can't. Is Rosemary still in love with her husband? Can she make it up with him before the end of the tour? And will she want to? This unique performance never shies from the comedy of their predicament: a love tour where the romance is on the rocks.

“a triumph of mimicry, research and writing” *The Independent* on *Bill Hicks: Slight Return*

Chas Early (Steven) co-wrote and performs in *Bill Hicks: Slight Return*, which reprises its appearance at the fringe after its sell-out 2004 premiere. Chas has performed in many other theatre and comedy productions since training at Guildford School of Acting.

Zoë Gardner (Rosemary) was one half of *Congress of Oddities* last year, who make a welcome return to the festival this year, and also appears at the Pleasance Courtyard (albeit indoors) at 10.45pm.

Richard Hurst (Director) directed *Miranda Hart-Throbs* and *Bill Hicks: Slight Return*. Theatre work includes *Play Wisty For Me: The Life of Peter Cook* (Riverside Studios and Pleasance) and an adaptation of *Ripley Bogle* (*Time Out* Critics' Choice). His version of *Hard Times* toured in 2004.

Additional casting to be announced.

Read more about the show at www.EdinburghLoveTour.com

LISTINGS

THE EDINBURGH LOVE TOUR

Written by Chas Early & Richard Hurst.

Cast includes Chas Early & Zoë Gardner.

Directed by Richard Hurst.

Starts At Pleasance Courtyard (Venue 33) 60 the Pleasance Edinburgh EH8 9TJ

3-29 August 2005 (except 10 & 17) at **1.30pm** (75mins)

Tickets £5 previews / £10 full price / £8 concessions

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