**FORT SALEM THEATER PRESENTS**

**MUSICAL MONOLOGUE**

Returning to Salem after two sold-out shows in the Fort’s cabaret last fall, Aja Nisenson performs the world premiere of her new one-woman show, *Five Years Later,* for one weekend, July 10-12.

Fresh from college, Nisenson spent some early adult years abroad, so there may be heavy autobiographical content in her fantasy show of a burgeoning jazz singer who revisits Bologna, Italy, where, in fact, her professional music career began. Her publicity describes the new show: “One American Girl. One *Mammoni* (mama’s boy). And a sexy jazz club. It’s one spicy meatball.” Look for a woman who gets to rewrite history by turning the tables on the guy who dumped her.

An artist whose considerable talents are difficult to categorize, Aja is a trained singer who weaves unique jazz song interpretations into her cutting-edge comic portrayals of outrageously caricatured characters, instantly recognizable as suppressed elements of all of us. Her previous shows included *Daja Vu*, a send-up of cabaret artists who take themselves too seriously, and the award-winning *My Life Is a Woody Allen Film,* about her attempts to achieve and maintain sanity through a succession of twelve psychotherapists.

 NYTheatre.com said of *Daja Vu*: “ …what Nisenson does so brilliantly is pull the rug out from under us—one minute making us roar with laughter, in the next breath performing a song that will break your heart.” Her solo show, *My Life Is a Woody Allen Film,* won “Best Cabaret” in the 2014 United Solo Theatre Festival in New York City.

An internationally recognized actor/comedian/singer/playwright raised in Morris Plains, New Jersey, and East Dorset, Vermont, Aja Nisenson holds a B.A. in Theater Arts with a Capstone in Playwriting at Brown University and has toured internationally as an actress and jazz singer.

*Five Years Later* plays for one weekend only, Friday and Saturday nights at 8 PM with a Sunday matinée at 2 PM. For tickets and information, visit the theater’s website (fortsalemtheater.com) or call the box office at (518) 854-9200.