Ll's J.P. Rosenbaum, 'Bachelorette' wife split

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Roslyn-raised J.P. Rosenbaum and 'The Bachelorette" star Ashley Hebert, whose marriage had marked a rare fairytale ending for that televised dating competition, have announced they are divorcing after eight years.

"I have written and rewritten this post dozens of times and each time I feel the same level of disbelief and extreme sadness," Rosenbaum, 43, who won Hebert's hand on season 7 of the show in 2011, wrote Wednesday night on Instagram. "While I realize that this will come as a complete shock to everyone, I can assure you that this is something that has been developing in our relationship for quite a while. It is with a heavy heart that I share with you that after months of separation, Ashley and I have amicably decided to live our lives apart from one another.'

The Miami-based construction manager - the son of Port Washington's llene and Peter Rosenbaum and a 1995 graduate of Herricks High School in New Hyde Park — went on to assure there was "no one to blame, that there's no event that

J.P. Rosenbaum and Ashley Hebert in October in West Hollywood, Calif.

triggered this decision, that no one is the victim, and that we've done absolutely everything we possibly can to try to salvage this marriage. I think we've both come to realize that we are just two very different people, with very different personalities and perspectives, who just don't see eye to eye on a lot [of] life fundamentals, those which are the building blocks for a happy and healthy marriage.'

Hebert, 36, a dentist raised in Maine, said on her own Instagram page: "It is with a heavy heart that I share with you that, after months of separation, Jp and I have amicably decided to go our separate ways." Both posted the same image of the two slow-dancing lovingly.

The couple, who were married in December 2012, are the parents of son Fordham, 6, and daughter **Essex**, who turns 4 next month. Rosenbaum suffered a health crisis in December, when he was diagnosed with the serious nerve disorder Guillain-Barré syndrome, from which he recovered by early this year.

"We have created the most beautiful, sweet and loving children, and have created so many unforgettable memories that we'll always cherish," Rosenbaum continued. "Our differences, however, have taken a toll on our relationship and after years of attempting to repair the damage, we've decided that it is in our family's best interest live our lives apart."

Hebert echoed those words in her own much shorter post.



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Jeremy Sisto ("FBI," "Law & Order") will receive an award Saturday from the North Fork TV Festival — but as far as awards or at least festivals go, this one just might be unprecedented. Sitting on a stage in a field at the Castello di Borghese Vineyard in Cutchogue, the actor will receive the Canopy Award — before an audience of 150 cars.

"It could be surreal," he said by phone recently, "or if it's like [the 2006 Pixar movie] 'Cars,' really funny.'

When organizers of the festival, usually held late October in nearby Greenport, decided to move forward this year, the drive-in concept seemed like an obvious choice, with complications.

Because the festival has to adhere to Phase 4 reopening Jeremy Sisto guidelines, those vehicles must

be set 6 feet apart, while masks are required for attendees as well as Sisto. News 12 Long Island's Elisa DiStefano



will moderate an audience O&A with Sisto via Twitter, and News 12 will air a 90-minute special on the festival on Nov. 7.

Noah Doyle, co-founder of the 5-year-old independent TV festival, said Thursday attendees also are required to stay in their vehicles except for bathroom breaks, while "food can be ordered by phone [and] volun-

teers will deliver it to their space." A giant TV monitor will be onstage.

Sisto, 46, was selected for this year's

Canopy (Kelsey Grammer was last year's recipient) because he "fits in with that long line of actors who are really committed to the New York production scene," said Doyle. "We're honored we'll be able to honor him."

Sisto — "FBI's" Assistant Special Agent in Charge Jubal Valentine — said, "I've spent a lot of time at film festivals [because] they're a big part of the business and provide a sense of a place where you can go to be inspired about the art of filmmaking, which you sometimes lose track of."

Doyle said "about" a dozen spaces remained for the festival, which begins at 5:30 p.m. Saturday.



"NCIS," starring Mark Harmon, returns for season 18 on CBS.