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The May Fire
Right and Wrong

Rating:

Genres: Indie Rock, Rock/Pop

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The May Fire, formed in L.A. but based in San Francisco, plays gritty, catchy garage rock. The band's members cite influences including The Stooges and The Pixies, and are not ashamed to admit that their music also bears similarities to the work of modern artists like Jack White - probably because they know that their sound, while familiar, does not come off as derivative.

Guitarist Cathy Tasso is a powerful front woman with a sultry, rough-edged voice and fuzzy, swaggering riffs that the band describes as "booze-soaked." Drummer El Pipe (pronounced "peepay") provides a hard, steady beat, sometimes with the added bonus of a cowbell. The songs deliver big choruses with lyrics ranging from simple ("All I see is you") to somewhat nonsensical yet evocative ("Boring stripper dancing heroes / Drinking cowboy lighting desert once more").

The songs on *Right or Wrong* ooze with confidence, and the band sounds determined to get you drunk, rock your face off and win you over. Put on this album or check out The May Fire live, and let them try.

- Kiri Oliver

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