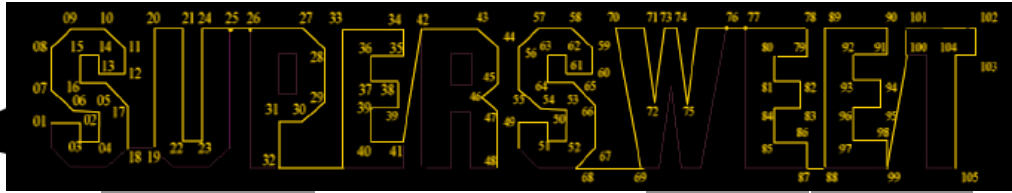


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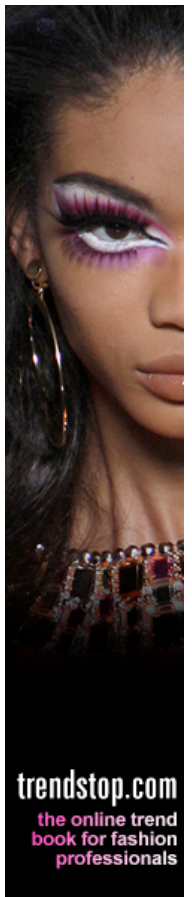
Right then, lets start off with a list of our own. What's the link between Blood Red Shoes, Placebo, Pixies, and The Wannadies. Simple, each track on *The List* is akin to each of these to a differing degree. Clearly talented, The May Fire encompass the breadth of alternative rock on this their third EP of the past year.

In an ambitious project, the international foursome decided to release a trilogy of EPs within a year. First came *Plastic Army*, then *La Victoria*, now *The List*. Quicker and more accessible than a single album, these EPs showcase the development of the band from a punky-poppy edge to the rockier end of the ruler. Never settling on a single style, the substitution of guitarist Johnny Beane for the awesomely named Nachito, may well have helped the transition from energy and immediacy to unrelenting and punchy.

So what about these comparisons then? Kicking off with 'Burning Up', the extent to which Catty Tasso manages to sound like Bryan Molko is pretty remarkable, never returning to this more distinctive style on the remaining tracks. Propping up the other end is 'Mother/Father'. Lyrically, Catty insists that she can make her own way in the world whilst the rhythmic guitar and punching beats of the drums are reminiscent of a slower track from Brighton's Blood Red Shoes.

With 'No Clone' embracing the more bass-driven Pixies or The Breeders, and *The List* akin to the pop-rock of The Wannadies, listening to this EP is like playing guess that tune when you're not quite sure of the track. Whilst displaying a clear understanding of what makes something rock along, it becomes hard to pin down what makes The May Fire truly tick. However, as a tour de force of 90's alternative rock, you won't do much better than this. - **Matt Coxon**

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