

[The May Fire - The List EP](#)

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San Francisco garage rockers **The May Fire** almost insist upon an air of pretension that isn't negative in the least, despite every single connotation "pretension" denotes. Charismatic front woman **Catty Tasso** (vocals, guitar) sounds akin to **Karen O**, at times — most noticeably on closer "Mother/Father" — with a too cool for school attitude that she pulls off with ease.

The May Fire's latest offering, *The List EP*, is the third and final release for a trilogy that the band last year determined to independently record and release within a year: drummer and vocalist **El Pipe** ("pee-pay") produced, recorded and mixed the records. The previous releases include the *La Victoria EP* and the *Plastic Army EP*; the quartet just make their own deadline with the August 5th release of *The List EP*.

Play "The Clone"

The EP begins with the lyrically desperate "Burning Up," featuring slightly whiny vocals atop a driving beat and gritty, garage rock riffs. "No Clone" ([download](#)) follows, sounding like an indifferent and half-hearted attempt rebellion as Tasso sings, "I'm on the run / Try me / Chase me / Catch me, I'm on a riot" without any of the energy that a riot demands. Pipe's beats and **Rob Gwin**'s thumping bass lines coyly display the potential for a riot, yet the song remains too low key to present the riot it promises it's on; it's the contradictory nature of the song that makes it one of the best on the EP, though.

Title track "The List" ([download](#)) fuzzy guitars and driving bass play behind Tasso's sultry and muted as she wistfully sings about wanting "a taste of a perfect dream." "Under The Wave" is poppier and more melodic with smoother vocals than the previous tracks, but still retains that gritty pretension that places The May Fire a step above the generic pop rock crowd so prevalent today.

Record labels and music fans take notice: The May Fire's *The List EP* drops August 5th.

Tracklisting:

01. Burning Up
02. No Clone ([download](#))
03. The List ([download](#))
04. Under the Wave
05. Red Unicorn
06. Mother/Father

Tour Dates: (all w/ Monte Negro and Astra Heights)
Aug 06 - San Diego, CA @ **Beauty Bar (Free Show!)**
Aug 07 - Los Angeles, CA @ **Knitting Factory**
Aug 08 - San Clemente, CA @ **OC Tavern**
Aug 09 - Pomona, CA @ **Glass House**
Aug 11 - Phoenix, AZ @ **Modified**