

## Breaking a Record



That's right. Vinyl is back and it's classicly refreshing. Local musician, Matt McCloskey, is breaking (releasing) a record and possibly setting a trend. His hot off the recording studio press CD, oh wait, I mean, album, Let it Burn, will be released this Friday, September 3rd at The Belmont at 9 PM. He is such a retro rockstar that his music is only available on vinyl or digitally (downloadable online). Not only does this help us reminisce about the golden days of records spinning and radiating tunes from the corner of a 70's living room, it doesn't discount the "I-want-it-now" tendencies that have arisen from the ubiquitous internet that actually does allow us eager listeners to have Matt's music at our fingertips without waiting impatiently for the mail to arrive. Not to mention his music-sharing methods are eco-friendly, especially since people tend to keep records for ever and ever...they must have known vinyl would be making a come-back.



Now onto the music. I was privileged to hear Matt for the first time at my blog's 1st birthday party in an unpredictable rain-induced showcase in April and loved it! I had only heard a few of his tunes, so hearing his new album in its entirety has opened me up to his entire musical world. His tunes are laid-back, but heartfelt, with a twist of Texas. The first thing I thought when I heard his latest work of audible art was "soundtrack". I thought to myself, this could serve as a "soundtrack of our lives". Just as music accompanies scenes in a movie to enhance them, I feel that Matt's tunes are more personal, more integrated into the thoughts and feelings we experience every day, versus an often removed radio single. With music that has hints of Tom Petty, Matt Nathanson, and Keith Urban, Matt's voice is real, and the sounds he produces make me want to roll the windows down, take a long drive into the sunset, and live a life-like movie scene that is enhanced because Matt is with me.

Check him out this Friday, or hear the latest single he has released to the public, "Ride Out the Fire", for a taste of Matt McCloskey. If you like what you hear, maybe you'll revert back to the 70's for a short while or escape from your worries for about 4 minutes and 3 seconds.