

2025 PLAYLIST PERSONALS

MIX 1

WANTED— Fans of psych, lite punk, acid granola, a soft smidgeon of dance pop, a rough touch of jazz fusion. **WHY YOU SHOULD PICK THIS MIX**— We made sure to investigate the landscape of our first home. “*Cigars and More*” sat plump and satisfied on the corner of our nearest cross street, like the very average smoke shop it truly was. But it dominated, as the only shop in our suburb offering a semi-vast selection of smokes, vapes, cigars, and...well, more. Like all empires, this one was challenged on its border. Up pops “*Discount Smokes*” on the kitty-corner from *Cigars and More*. A strip mall showdown was born. As arguing over inconsequential shit is the hallmark of a healthy relationship, my wife and I took sides: she prefers *Discount Smokes*, as she’s easily tantalized by the promise of increased savings and enamored with the new kid in town. I’m a bleeding-heart *Cigars and More* boy. Mind you, neither of us has frequented either establishment—and neither of us smokes. So, it’s up to you, dear listener. May this playlist of smokey, discounted, cigar-chomping tunes help you decide between these two Kansas City staples.

MIX 2

WANTED— Fans of a reminder that you’re not alone in the darkest days, art made in defiance of a world trying to stamp out our existence, rediscovering some old favorites, and finding new gems. **WHY YOU SHOULD PICK THIS MIX**— You’re not sure if you want to dance, revolt, cry, or laugh first, but you’re doing all of those things. This mix spans from soul to hyperpop, with stops along the way for R&B, country, folk, Kpop, punk and indie rock, all made by trans, nonbinary, and genderqueer musicians. Whether you’re feeling reflective about love, family, and the places you’ve been and where you’re going next, or just want to feel hot and flirt with someone cute, there’s something in here to match your mood.

MIX 3

WANTED— Fans of Atmospheric Bedroom Pop, Rock, and Indie. **WHY YOU SHOULD PICK THIS MIX**— This playlist is a selection of moody, but upbeat songs. Songs that you’d likely play on a grey and rainy day spent organizing your sweater collection. Nothing too flashy, but songs that will make you feel like the main character in a music video, wistfully looking out of a window.

MIX 4

WANTED— Fans of everyday acts of love (of all kinds) put plainly. Acoustic guitars, breathy synths, yearning melodies. **WHY YOU SHOULD PICK THIS MIX**— Most love songs are epic professions of love that will last the ages or will change everything. These songs are not those songs. They're about unremarkable, gentle moments of love — anthems of the everyday. They're a cup of coffee made just for you on rainy Sunday morning. They perk up when your car pulls in the driveway. They greet you on the porch with a hug. And they'll sit beside you, in comfortable silence or hanging on your every word — they're just happy you're here.

MIX 5

WANTED— Fans of headbanging, skepticism of the government, and sick riffs **WHY YOU SHOULD PICK THIS MIX**— Ya know what can be nice on Valentine's Day? NOTHIN' THAT'S WHAT!! Sometimes you don't wanna deal with all of the hearts and flowers and bullshit when you don't have a reason to celebrate. So what do you do? You throw on this playlist and you have yourself a dance party/temper tantrum and ya feel a little bit better!

MIX 6

WANTED— Fans of a hypothetical perfectly rounded, heart-shaped Valentine's candy where it's like a gummy core in an iridescent neon-colored candy shell that looks vaguely metallic while still definitely edible. Tastes like a Hi-Chew but one in ten is really sour. Side effects may include uncontrollable hip-shaking, rueful nodding, fond reminiscing, or all three at once. **WHY YOU SHOULD PICK THIS MIX**— These songs are a collection of the most flirtatious, exuberant, romantic, wistful, life-affirming anthems I encountered in the last year. Across various genres, moods, and languages, they express core human experiences of love, in all its forms. A party in playlist form, to celebrate our feelings for friends, family, lovers. Like the best parties, there're cozy corners with nifty furniture to chill out in when the dancefloor's getting sweaty, and lots of chances to meet cool new friends. Please enjoy this trove of sonic jewels (a) in good company on good speakers, (b) on a dreamy solo walk, or (c) lounging in a moody space at home, as preferred. May it warm your soul as it does mine.

MIX 7

WANTED– Fans of unconventional love songs, basic 2000s rom-com vibes, hopeful pop that ranges from basic to classic to a bit angsty, and the type of songs you can belt while driving or listen to quietly while staring wistfully out a car or train window. **WHY YOU SHOULD PICK THIS MIX**– Silliness is something we tend to grow out of as we age, but I wish we didn't. This mix helps me to take the day to day a little less seriously, and to zoom out and be grateful for all of the people and things that I really love. Embrace the cheesiness of Valentine's Day and celebrate the different ways love can sound and love can show up in your life with this mix.

MIX 8

WANTED– Fans of 50-60bpm, la física, indisputable conviction in 4+ lacquered eyes, accepting the first nude moonlit toe-dip, not nearly in dead-wife-flashback territory but certainly shifting betwixt linens, i.e. the carnal arts. **WHY YOU SHOULD PICK THIS MIX**– You're in for 4+ G&T's, last call in a bar you know well melding with the apparitions you don't, cording your infinite paths of discontinuous nights, a living tapestry of desperate imprudence, proxy playing to the JBL before the Lyft even drops you plural back to your apartment. Thanks for riding with EON- your End of the Night wingwoman extraordinaire <3

MIX 9

WANTED– Fans who wander but are not lost, etc. **WHY YOU SHOULD PICK THIS MIX**– This is a thoughtful combination of dream pop hallmarks - breathy, fuzzy, dreamy. Songs range from the genre's inception in the 80s to more recent adaptations of the multilayered sound. Made with love and medium-depth research by a fellow space cadet. You want this playlist because it's peak romance - think movie montages, rolling credits, or commuting with headphones on.

MIX 10

WANTED– Fans of bitching and moaning, wallowing in that grey area between getting over your unrequited feelings (*They don't deserve me!*) and grieving them (*Why not me!?*), songs about loveable losers, and seeing the silver lining – even if it's in the shape of your latest heartache. **WHY YOU SHOULD PICK THIS MIX**– You are getting over someone. I mean, you're *supposed* to be. But moving on from an ex or even a crush can be tricky! You know it's for the best, you know you're better off, etc etc etc. But sometimes you just gotta feel your feelings, however irrational (*I want them back!*) or stupid (*I'll never love again!*) or self-defeating (*I'm unloveable!*) until you get to the other side of them: rationality (*It was good until it wasn't*), reality (*I'll find a better match for me*), and self-love...or at least acceptance (*I'm gonna be okay*).

MIX 11

WANTED– Fans who feel a little out of time. **WHY YOU SHOULD PICK THIS MIX**– This mix is collection of songs from the last few years that feel like they are of a different time. Not in a way that feels like a gimmick, but like a song that feels like it has been around forever and was recently dug of a dusty box in an attic at an estate sale. Enjoy a chance to go to another time and place without going anywhere at all.

MIX 12

WANTED– Fans of getting the gang back together, recent nostalgia, pink lemonade, having your forever crush make a flirty comment, and remembering that your next big move is always within grasp. This playlist will make you feel the excitement of falling back into a groove without ever asking you to be attentive to the moments passing. **WHY YOU SHOULD PICK THIS MIX**– In the face of the endless winter drudge sometimes an escape to a space with levity is just what's needed. This playlist feels like catching up with a friend you haven't seen in too long; there's the easy comfort of familiarity but a lot of surprises that pop up as you question *"Why don't we hang out more often?"* This mix doesn't dig into the dirty details of how your day was, give you advice about what you need to change, or talk about how crushing the world around you feels - it just asks that for 94 minutes you let loose and live a little.

MIX 13

WANTED– Fans of indie movies from 2002-2015; walking aimlessly around your neighborhood in a large coat; wearing sunglasses and smoking a cigarette while drinking coffee; thinking people are suspicious, while you yourself are being suspicious. **WHY YOU SHOULD PICK THIS MIX**– Do you miss *"Music From And Inspired By The Motion Picture"* compilations? This is an imagined soundtrack to a fake indie movie from the 2000s, think Wes Anderson or Sofia Coppola. Maybe a disillusioned writer has to return to his hometown to solve a crime where his estranged sister is the suspect. Maybe the heir to a pencil manufacturing dynasty has to drink martinis with their college professor who had a mental breakdown. Either way, there's plenty of nostalgia-inducing love songs and cinematic instrumentals here to make you think, *"What's going on in that house across the street? Have I always been this sad? What's Bill Murray doing in this bar wearing a top hat?"*