

Simply electrifying

Dave Tan, lead singer of local indie rock band Electrico, talks about its new album, awards, and life without guitarist Daniel Sassoon.

Congrats on winning the Top Local English Pop Song thrice, and The Young Composer of The Year in the Compass Awards.

It is an honour. It is always good to win something as it shows that we are getting recognised for what we are doing. What's important is that we are representing the indie band scene in Singapore.

How can *Her World* readers relate to your new album, *We Satellites*?

It's melancholic, dark, assertive with a more powerful sound and the music jumps out to you a lot more. I would like to think that there is a sexy voice on the album (*laughs*), but it's subjective. I think *Her World* readers can relate to that. In many ways, it is like a rebirth of Electrico. Our sound has changed, we have evolved and we have a brand new outlook. I am even thinking of getting a tattoo to commemorate it.

How do you survive on a day-to-day basis?

I am a freelance TV producer, Amanda (keyboards) and William (drums, backing vocals) both teach music and Desmond (bass) is a graphic designer. It is difficult to be in a band full time in Singapore but if you put in hard work, you can make a living. Cover bands can make a living if they are good but for original music, now that's different. We have to keep pushing the scene so it becomes viable and people can make a living from it.

What happened to Daniel Sassoon who quit the band?

He is a great lawyer, successful in what he does. I cannot speak for him but we cannot force it if his head is not in it. We wish him all the best and look ahead.

How do you handle the attention from fans?

Very well. Some people are intimidated, so they don't approach. Desmond always gets the attention. He is such a novelty, a dynamite. We are flattered by any attention. To all *Her World* readers: Don't be afraid to approach me.

What is the ultimate stage for Electrico?

I would imagine Glastonbury, being in front of thousands of fans who are there for you.

Electrico's third album, We Satellites, is available at major record stores.

