

# Electrico, darker and grittier

EVEN as fans ponder the fate of rock band Electrico after the departure of long-time guitarist Daniel Sassoon three weeks ago, the rest of the band – singer/guitarist David Tan, bassist Desmond Goh, drummer William Lim Jr and keyboardist Amanda Ling – are revving up to complete their third album.

TODAY learned that Electrico is busy putting the finishing touches to recording *We Satellites*.

It has “a new musical direction”, said album producer Leonard Soosay, and a “darker and grittier” sound than their previous two releases, *So Much More Inside* (2004) and *Hip City* (2006).

He declined to say how much of that was due to Sassoon’s departure.

According to Soosay, the recording will finish in about a week’s time, before the product is sent to New York for mastering.

Meanwhile, the band is also looking to finish the album’s packaging and printing.

As Tan said: “It’s crunch time.”

In the meantime, the band has turned to technology to compensate for the lack of a second guitarist, with Tan apparently adapting his onstage gear with new distortion, delay and loop effects to fill in the sound.

*We Satellites* is expected to hit the streets on July 8, with pre-sales on June 28, the band’s spokesperson said.

“I think a lot of people will be surprised by the new album,” Soosay added. “It sounds really good.”

— CHRISTOPHER TOH



**ELECTRICO:** (clockwise from left) Desmond Goh, David Tan, Amanda Ling, and William Lim Jr.