

DAMANEK

In Flight

GIANT ELECTRIC PEA



In Flight is the second album from Guy Manning's band, DamaneK, and similar to its predecessor, *On Track*, there's no set formula being followed. DamaneK can rightly be referred to as a band

which thinks outside of the box and, whilst they can probably be considered to be a prog band, the music on this album is drawn from across a wide range of influences, with the quality of the musicianship never less than superb all throughout.

This is an album combining impressive technical ability and some catchy hooks to produce a number of very strong songs, most notably the intro track, *Ragusa*, and especially the excellent *Crawler* and *Moon Catcher*. But the centrepiece of *In Flight* is *Big Eastern*, a sprawling thirty minute plus epic divided into three parts chronicling an emotive journey from East To West from the perspective of people in China attempting to escape the

shadow of terrorism and find a better life on the west coast of the USA. It's a vast landscape to fill but it's done superbly well. Whether DamaneK will be able to carry this thirty minute epic off onstage remains to be seen, but it'll be an interesting challenge on their debut tour. **LT**