

Daniel Amos is an eye-opener

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Daniel Amos is a four person rock group that has moved onto the new wave.

Daniel Amos is the gospel band turned mod.

Daniel Amos is the collective apostles of Future Christian Music.

Daniel Amos is the group that will be performing in the Manhattan City Auditorium on Friday evening.

FCM...Fututre Christian Music...is the current development of contemporary Christian music. FCM, according to Terry Taylor, the group's chief songwriter, "demands that you turn off the vacuum cleaner and listen to the voice of your con-

sciousness..."

Having consistently strived to create something more life-changing and thought-provoking than praise and worship background music, Daniel Amos has set out to counter preconceived notions about Christian music in general.

The group started six years ago — born again out of the ashes of an earlier group, Jubal's Last Band — playing Christian country pop. But the group has come a long way since then.

"What started out as a four piece country band, minus drums," said Daniel Amos, "then graduated to a six piece band, heavy on drums and percussion, and is now...come full circle...to a four piece unit playing rock

'n roll."

The group has cut four albums: *Daniel Amos*, *Shotgun Angel*, *Horrendous Disc*, *Alarma* with a fifth one, *Album 5 (Doppelgaenger)* on the way. (See related story.)

For those with a preconceived notion of gospel music, Daniel Amos is an eye-opener in terms of its music being charming, stimulating and interesting in its own right.

Daniel Amos is Jerry Chamberlain, guitar; Marty Dieckmeyer, bass and keyboards; Ed McTaggart, drums; and Terry Taylor guitars and vocals.

Daniel Amos is performing in the City Auditorium at 8 p.m. on Friday.

Daniel Amos is...musically really an exceptional group...is Daniel Amos.

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