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There are musicians in Louisville who were barely out of diapers when danny flanagan started gigging, first as a rock 'n' roll guy, then with his pop band, the rain chorus, and finally as a leader on the solo acoustic scene.

And while flanagan may have once dreamed of playing stadiums, his reality is playing his music honestly and with great dedication to detail, in far smaller venues. He's a music lifer in the best way possible, and his new album, "Hope is a Word," is filled with his usual attention to craft and melody. Also as usual, he drops at least one startling song in the superb "Brick Up the World," a finely wrought look at familial love on the blue-collar side of town.

Flanagan celebrates the release of "Hope is a Word" at 2 p.m. Saturday at ear X-tacy, 2226 Bardstown Road. It's free.

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