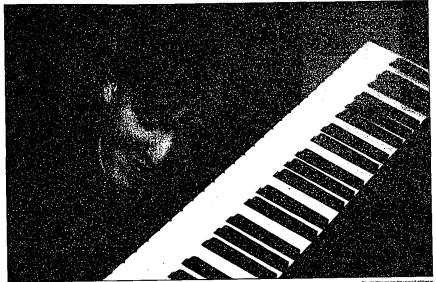
## Hills pianist plays for varied musical tastes



Hot buttered homecoming: William Wandel will showcase his varied repertoire when he joins the Farmington Area Philharmonic to perform in the Hot Buttered Pops concert at the Redford Theatre Sunday.

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Farmington area music fans will have a chance to hear homegrown budding film composer William Wandol in his world premiere when the Farmington Area Philharmonic presents Hot Buttered Pops at the Redford Theatre on Sunday, March 9.

Wandel, a 24-year-old magna cum laude graduate of the Berklee College of Music in Boston, and winner of a professional writing Quincy Jones award, will present a series of six short pieces.

"They're going to run the whole gamut, from a dark dramatic score to a light comedy, said the 1988 North Farmington High graduate.

Since graduating from Berklee College three years ago, he has composed commercial music for Yessian Music of Farmington Hills and has worked as a piano player at Hudson's Twelve Oas, and several clube in the metro Detroit area including the Fox Hounds in Bloomfield Hills, the Detroit Athletic Club, the Grosse Fointe Club and the Dearborn Ins.

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"I started playing piano when I
was 7 years old," he said. "I
always wanted a music career. I
decided in junior high or high
school that I wanted to go into

school that I wanted to go into film scoring."

Berklee is the premiere college for that curriculum, he said. He minored in conducting there. Piano is his principle instru-ment, guitar his secondary

choice.

In August, Wandel and his fiance plan to move to the Los Angeles area so he can pursue his career in the film producing mecca of Hollywood.

"In Hollywood I hope to meet a few composers and find work as an orchestrator working for a composer," he said. "I'm writing every day now and I also teach plane."

Sunday's concert will include tunes from "The Little Mer-maid" "Raiders of the Lost Ark;" "Slar Wars," "An American Tail; "Rocky," and "Beauty and the Beast" as well as "Themes and Textures," the world premiere by Wandel.

In addition, Sandra Mandella; vocalist, will sing "Someone to Watch Over Me," as used in "Mr-Holland's Opus," and perform a tribute to Judy Garland.

Mandella has been heard onstage in nightclubs, on recording and in over sixty commercials. She has opened for such artists as Bob Newhart, Vichamone and Dom DeLuise. She, is a regular performer at Arriva? Ristorante in Warren.

Sponsored in part by a gift from TRW, the concert will be staged at the historic Redford Theatre.

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Hoemke is a fulltime student at Wayne State University majoring in theatre. She was also one of this year's hostesses at the annual Cornucepia Ball along with Annette Hohl, the reigning Miss Farmington/Farmington Hills; and Audrie Chernauckas, who held the title in 1995-96, and was the Miss Michigan Community Service award winner in the state pageant.

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