

Local Artist Records for Windham Hill

by David Koteen

Windham Hill Records has recently signed Michael Harrison. A good match. Windham Hill is renowned for its discoveries of innovative and inspirational musicians (William Ackerman, George Winston, Michael Hedges). Michael Harrison falls right in the center, between the inspirational and the innovative—coupling both.

Among the numerous talented artists in Eugene, Michael stands out. The depth and devotional quality to his music make it a privilege to listen to. You feel his intensity create wave patterns which rise and emanate from the piano. An oscillating energy moves back and forth between his hands and the keyboard. You can't tell if his fingers are playing the keys, or the keys, his fingers.

Michael has received numerous awards, including two Ruth Lorraine Close Awards and 3 Dia Art Foundation Residencies in New York. Notwithstanding, a recording contract in a nation swamped with musicians is no mean accomplishment. Most recently he is a co-recipient (along with Joint Forces Dance Co.) of a grant from the Oregon Arts Commission. They will perform at the Hult Center on May 24.

Although he has composed more than three dozen pieces, it is an abridged version of *In Flight*

that Windham Hill ultimately selected to produce. *In Flight* is also the name of the duet performed by Karen Nelson and Alito Alessi of Joint Forces. I asked Alito why he and Karen chose to work with Michael Harrison. He thought a moment before responding: "When you create a dance with any musician, there is always a lot of give and take. Emotions ride high. Michael is so at home as an improviser that he is able to be very receptive to us as dancers and still maintain his integrity as a musician."

After he and I listened to several of his compositions, I asked Michael why he felt Windham Hill had selected *In Flight*. He didn't hesitate at all. "Rhythmic vitality. It's really the best acoustic piano piece I've written. A strong emotional character. With fast runs . . . using the full range of the keyboard. The entire piece breathes throughout."

"There's a real East intersects West mood to it," I said.

"My studies in North Indian classical vocal music with Pandit Pran Nath completely changed my life. It naturally became integrated with my piano style and composition."

"If you had to say, what keeps you playing and performing? Why do you do it?"

"When you spend so many hours practicing and writing and rehearsing, you want to share



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your work . . . your life. That's what art is about—giving to people. It inspires me to live, and to go on living. It's the joy of life. And that's what I want to share—the joy of life."

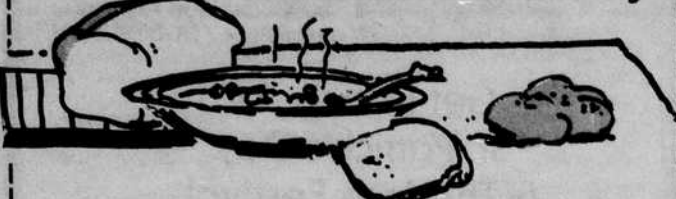
"Isn't that the name of one of your earlier pieces?"

"Yeah. The Joy of Life." *In Flight* will appear on the Windham Hill Piano Sampler in early Summer. Keep an ear open for it!

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