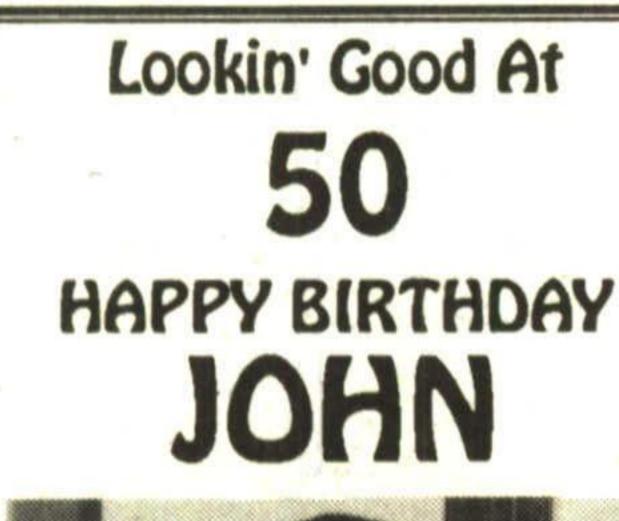
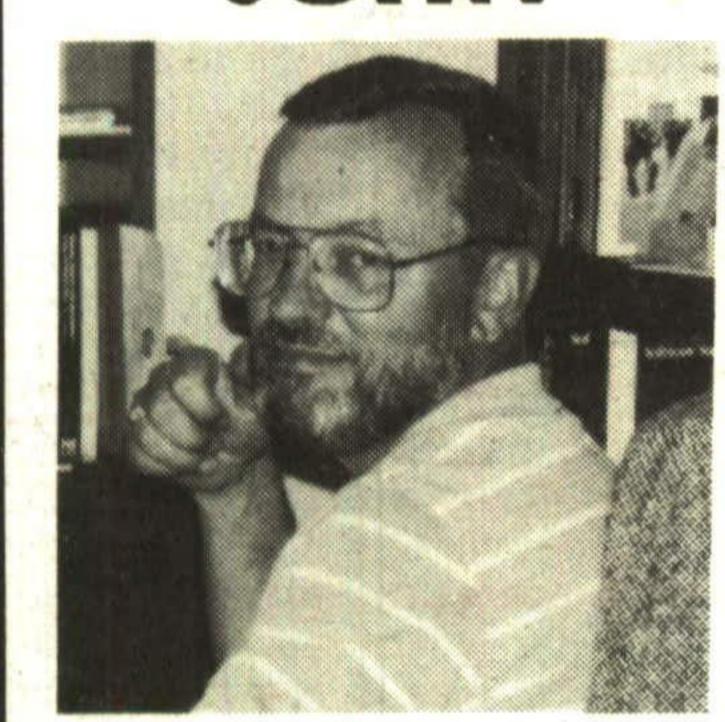
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By LISA TALLYN

Staff writer

Former Acton resident Andreas Thiel will take the stage for a solo piano recital at the St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts in Toronto this Friday evening.

Thiel, 27, will perform the works of Schubert, Chopin, Rachmaninoff and George Rochberg in the Jane Mallett Theatre at 8 n.m.

and George Rochberg in the Jane Mallett Theatre at 8 p.m.

"The recital will include music ranging from the 18th to the 20th centu-

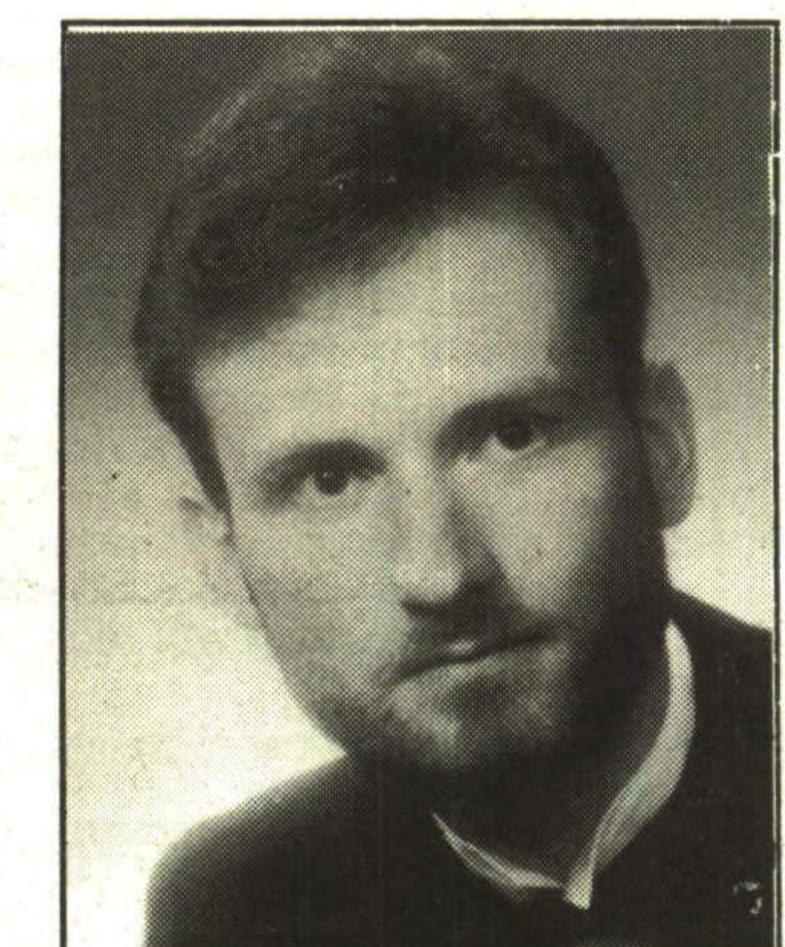
ry," said Thiel. "Rochberg is really one of the finest contemporary composers. His work has been recorded by the New York Philharmonic."

Thiel will spend about 30 minutes on some of Rochberg's pieces.

"His music doesn't really follow any specific style. Some of it is very easy to listen to and very traditional sounding, some is more challenging."

Thiel has been playing the piano since he was about 10-years-old but didn't really tackle the instrument seriously until he moved to Acton and began studying piano with Anya Laurence who was a member of the University of Guelph's Faculty of Music.

Thiel lived outside of Acton for eight years and attended Acton High School. While there he played in the concert and stage band. That school offers a music scholarship in Thiel's



ANDREAS THIEL

name to promising music students. Thiel now lives in Kitchener.

In 1987 Thiel won first prize at the Hamilton Kiwanis Festival and represented Hamilton in the Association of Music Festivals provincial competition in Ottawa. In 1990 he was featured soloist with the Kitchener-Waterloo Community Orchestra, and was guest soloist on WGBH Radio, Boston. He has also made several other appearances in Ontario and the northeastern United States.

Tickets for Friday's show are \$17 for adults and \$14 for students and seniors. The St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts is located at 27 Front St., Toronto, Ontario. For tickets and information call (416)366-7723.

