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THE WHITE HOUSE
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New York pianist-orchestra leader Michael Carney will entertain at the President and Mrs. Ford's Christmas Ball for Members of Congress tonight.

This will be Mr. Carney's first appearance at the White House. He and his orchestra have played for various parties in the Washington, D.C. area in recent months, including the Meridian House Ball, the Corcoran Art Gallery dance and a dinner dance at the Embassy of Iran.

Carney, 37, grew up in Irvington, N.Y., and started playing professionally at the age of 14 by forming a 7-piece band. As an undergraduate at Northwestern University, he formed another group which played for fraternity and school parties. He met his current partners, Gerry Romig and Rick Lewis, while in college, and the three played on a part-time basis in the Philadelphia area while involved in business careers.

He entertains throughout the country from his base in New York. Engagements have included the Jewel Ball in La Jolla, Ca., the Coconuts Party in Palm Beach and the Passavant Cotillion in Chicago.

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