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Copernicus: The real name is Joe Smalkowski, one good reason for changing his tag to that of a fellow iconoclastic Pole. This beatnik from hell (this refugee from a creative writing workshop) needs a sense of humor, but his bad moods are pretty compelling, and the jazzscapes that buttress his babblestream help. August 7, CBGB, 315 Bowery at Bleecker, 982-4052. (Smith)