## May we introduce . . . JOHN COOK



John Cook at the 5/21 Wurlitzer in the Providence Performing Arts Center.

Four young artists were featured in a concert at the 1984 National Convention in Indianapolis, and John Cook, at 14, was the youngest on the program. John was also one of the finalists in this year's Young Organist Competition. He is a junior this year at Braintree High School in Braintree, Massachusetts, and is an organ student of Lillian Cunningham of Rockland. In addition to his love for the organ, John likes basketball, swimming and bicycling, and this past summer was a staff member at the St. Colletta's Early Childhood program where he worked with young retarded children.

John recently performed in concert for a Youth Festival at the Holy Trinity German Church. He has also played for the Plymouth Lodge of the Sons of Italy and for the South Shore Organ Society, as well as for ATOS groups.

Last February John was the featured artist for the Eastern Massachusetts Chapter on their 3/13 Wurlitzer at Babson College, Stu Hinchliffe, in a review of John's program, said, ". . . it was one of the pleasantest, best arranged and best performed afternoons of theatre organ I have enjoyed in quite some time." Because John has the quiet, reserved demeanor of a typical "Yankee," Stu affectionately refers to him as "Old Sobersides," and, he adds, "There's a wealth of promise in this fellow . . . . We may very well be proud some day to claim him as our own."

John says his interest in theatre organ was sparked when he was ten, and his parents took him to hear Douglas Rafter play at Babson. John is quite serious about his organ playing, but does not rule out the idea of teaching or being a technician/maintenance expert. His parents, Jim and Joan Cook, are totally supportive of John's interests and activities, and their own love of theatre organ is evident as they proudly watch their son developing into a fine performer.

John lives at 137 Forest Street, Braintree Massachusetts 02184.

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