

# 1987 Young Organist Competition



Melissa Ambrose receives her certificate from Jack Moelmann. (SB photo)

Our third successful and exciting Young Organist Competition has resulted in the presentation of three more promising young artists for our future. The 1987 contestants (listed alphabetically) and their sponsoring chapters were:

MELISSA AMBROSE (20)  
*Wolverine*

JOHN J. COOK (17)  
*Eastern Massachusetts*

PETER HOLT (13)  
*London and South of England*

CURT SATHER (20)  
*Valley of the Sun*

DAVID STRATKAUSKAS (17)  
*Puget Sound*

FAITH SUNMAN (13)  
*Motor City*

LAURA VAN EYCK (20)  
*San Diego*

JAMES WRIGHT (20)  
*Central Indiana*

Senior Division winner **MELISSA AMBROSE** also placed first in the overall competition and was presented in a Cameo appearance at the Los Angeles convention. John Cook was the winner of the Intermediate Division, and Peter Holt was winner in the Junior Division. Each winner received an award of \$400, and Melissa Ambrose received an additional \$200 as Competition winner. Biographical information on Melissa can be found in the January/February 1986 Journal, and on John Cook in the November/December 1985 issue. We hope to feature Peter Holt in a coming issue of the Journal. We offer our sincere congratulations to the winners and heartily commend all of the entrants for their participation in the competition.

Judges this year were Lyn Larsen, Dan Bellomy, June Garen, Al Hermanns and Jonas Nordwall. Only Lyn was identified at the outset; the names of the remaining adjudicators were announced after the final grading. Special thanks to these individuals who so willingly gave their services to judge the contestants' tapes. We know, too, that their helpful comments will be of value to all of these young people as they continue their musical careers. *Lois Segur, Charman, Young Organist Competition*



Peter Holt from the London and South of England chapter, winner of the Junior Division. (John Sharp photo)



John Cook, winner of the Intermediate Division.



Desmond Jenkins receives Peter Holt's award.

(SB photo)



Richard Johnson of Eastern Massachusetts Chapter accepts award for John Cook.

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