

Progress Report: MELISSA AMBROSE



1987 has been an exciting year for Melissa Ambrose, 1987 winner of the Young Theatre Organist Competition. She was thrilled at winning and having an opportunity to play a cameo at the convention in Los Angeles. The response and standing ovation she received from the audience will long be remembered.

Melissa is also the recipient of a scholarship from the Detroit Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The award will be applied each year to her tuition at Oakland University in Michigan.

The ITW (International Tool Works) where her father works also presented her with their annual scholarship for an outstanding student.

Oakland University again this year presented her with the Lee Grekin Memorial Scholarship for Outstanding Musicianship at the University.

Her teacher at Oakland University, Frederick DeHaven, who is also the renowned church organist and music director of Christ Church in Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, has Melissa fill in for him. He is very impressed with her capability.

A fun person, Melissa loves life, people, and performing and works very hard to perfect her God-given talent.

In addition to a very heavy load during her Junior year at college, Melissa is busy practicing for a concert appearance at the Detroit Theatre Organ Club, a concert at the Redford Theatre for Motor City chapter, a performance in Erie, Pennsylvania, one in Ohio and two classical concerts: one at Christ Church, Grosse Pointe Farms, and another at Oakland University.

At the first meeting of the Young Theatre Organ Enthusiasts in Los Angeles, Melissa was appointed Chairman of the group. She has been corresponding and sharing ideas with several members. Locally in her own chapter there have been two meetings with YTOE members. They are discussing ideas and making suggestions for their first program in 1989. The Convention Committee for Detroit in 1989, chaired by Marge Muethel and Jim Casterson, invited Melissa to join them, assuring the YTOE a good start in Detroit in 1989.

If you wish to be a member of the YTOE Committee, please send your name and address to:

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An address list is being prepared and you will be receiving a copy. Noreen Castine of Motor City has offered to be Editor and compile interesting items sent in by all you YTOEs. Let Melissa and Noreen know what you are doing and would like to do — WATCH FOR THESE NEW ITEMS IN THE ATOS INTERNATIONAL NEWS ...

START MAKING PLANS TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION IN PORTLAND IN 1988.

THERE WILL BE A MEETING AND GET-TOGETHER FOR THE YTOEs.

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YTOE Coordinator

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