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Cool Kids Series: CAITLIN SMITH

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Caitlin is the youngest member of Bay Area Showcase Chorus, a barbershop-style group that placed sixth last year at an international competition. She is also in another quartet, UnderAge, which was formed in August 2002 and was ranked as best in the world that year. That quartet placed first at the Young Women in Harmony in the Northern California region, and placed fifth in the world in the international competition last April. "I have always loved singing and became interested in barbershop when my voice teacher brought me to a show of the choirs she used to be in," says Caitlin, who's been taking voice lessons for 11 years. "Once I heard what kind of music they sang, I knew that I wanted to be a part of the chorus." Besides singing, Caitlin has taken jazz and tap dancing, and has been performing rhythm tap for four years with Tap Explosion, a professional tap group.

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