

# faces in the gym



▶ **ANYA ZHANG**  
Boston, Massachusetts

Anya Zhang is a Level 6 at Rhythmic Dreams in Boston. Anya was selected for the Future Stars team in 2007 and was a Level 5 silver medalist in the Junior Olympics National Championships in 2007.



▶ **TONY PETELO**  
Huntington Beach, California

Tony, 9, is a Level 5 gymnast at New Hope Academy of Gymnastics under coaches Scott Picquelle and Guonian Wu. Tony won pommel horse at the 2008 Palm Tree Classic with a score of 9.7. Tony is a member of the All-Star team representing So Cal State at the Region 1 Championship in Nevada, where the team finished in first place.



◀ **GYM QUEST GYMNASTICS**

Richmond, Virginia

Gym Quest Level 5 Boys Team is the 2008 Virginia State Champions! The team also produced two individual all-around State Champions: Stewart Mancano in the 10-11 year old age group, and Michael Mattson in the 12+ age group. The team had eight first, second, or third place finishers. The team is coached by Doug & Colleen Lubking and Juan Mora.



▶ **MALENA LARSEN**  
Minnetonka, Minnesota

Malena, Level 7, received a perfect 10.0 for her vault at the 2008 Bravo Classic Invitational, where she finished first in the all-around with a score of 37.625. She also placed first on vault with a 9.8 at the Kurt Thomas Invitational, and finished her season by being the Minnesota Level 7 State Vault Champion in her age division. Malena, 12, trains at Classic Gymnastics.



▶ **OTERO SISTERS**  
Miami, Florida

Stephanie Otero, 12, and Amanda Otero, 7, took first place in the 2007 Florida State Championships, as well as first place at Regionals in power tumbling which took place in Duluth, Ga. The Otero sisters train at Life Fitness Tumbling Center in Miami and are coached by Jackie Licata.



◀ **KEITH KOHN**  
Mundelein, IL

Keith, 12, trains at the Gymnastics Spot in Mundelein, Ill. This year, Keith won the Illinois Level 7 12 and over All-Around title at the Illinois State Championships. He earned individual gold medals on high bar, parallel bars and rings. Keith is coached by PJ Roche.



▶ **HALEIGH COLE**

Sulphur, Louisiana

Haleigh, 8, competed in the 2008 Houston National Invitational. Haleigh is a Level 4 Junior A gymnast. She placed first on beam, first on floor, second on bars, and fourth on vault. She won the all-around with a score of 37.6. Haleigh trains at Gymnastics ETC and is coached by Chuck McLallen.



◀ **JAKE JACOBSON**  
Sacramento, California

Jake, 10, is from American Powerhouse Trampoline and Tumbling. He won the all ages Level 10 Trampoline Division at Winter Classic. He's won Nationals four times and placed 23rd at his first international event, the Flower Cup. This year he was 14th at Grenzland Cup in the 14 and under group. He's been on the Jumpstart National Team twice.

▶ **KATELYNNE HALL**

Haskins, Ohio

Katelynne, 8, competed in the Ohio State Championships. Competing, as a Level 6, Katelynne won first all-around with a 35.850. She also won first on floor with a 9.125, first on vault with a 9.300, and second on bars with a score of 8.525. Katelynne is coached by Jamie Nissen, and trains at Exceleation Gymnastics Center.



◀ **BLAISE LEBLANC AND COLE EARL**  
Sulphur, Louisiana

Blaise and Cole, both 6, won first and second place all-around at the 2008 Level 4 Louisiana Merit State Championships with scores of 54.2 and 53.751. They have both had an exceptional first year competing and are now beginning Level 5 training at Gymnastics, Etc in Sulphur, La. They are coached by Chad Isaac.

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