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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Marianne Nowotny CD "afraid of me"

Abaton Book Company is pleased to announce the release of the digitally mastered version of "afraid of me", **Marianne Nowotny's** debut CD. Ms. Nowotny is 16 years old and has just finished her sophomore year at Sparta High School in Northwestern New Jersey. She has been described by Douglas Wolk in *The Village Voice* as "the first big pop surprise of the D.I.Y. Cd-R era". Kenneth Goldsmith of *New York Press* says "as fabulous and strange a debut as I've heard in some time."

After learning the rudiments of piano playing from her mother, **Marianne Nowotny** developed a style that references the scales and modes of eastern music, American popular song and electronic pop rock. Her arcane and complex lyrics and kaleidoscopic song structures are presented as a kind of avant-pop expressionism, aloof but still accessible: it is her own brand of "popmusic."

"afraid of me" was produced by playwright Lauri Bortz, proprietor of Abaton Book Company. The recording was engineered by Mark Dagley, a visual artist and founding member of the late 70s punk/dada group "girls." Digital mastering was done by Grammy nominee Steve Vavagiakis. This CD includes 10 songs not found on the original limited edition pressing. A generous 70 minutes of architecturally structured sound documents the astonishing musical and verbal awareness of this prolific young artist.

Her debut New York solo performance will take place at **TONIC** on July 31st with SHELL. Abaton Book Company cordially invites you to attend the "afraid of me" release party on July 15th at **UP&CO** in New York City.

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