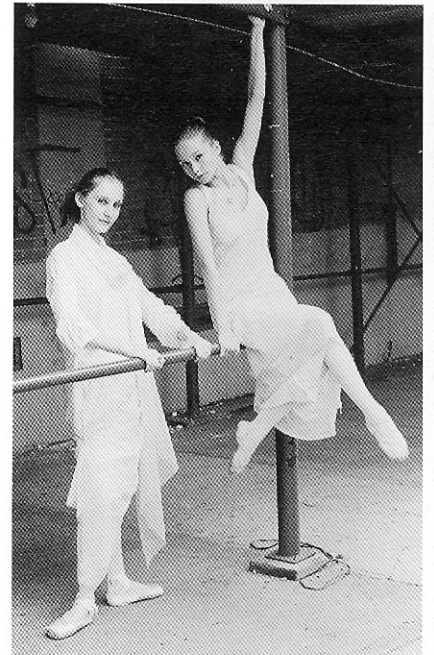




TEEN DREAMS

On their toes...

Natalia Tchernodanov (left, in picture above) and Alina Dronova, students at the School of American Ballet, dance their way through New York City, pausing briefly at UP & CO for a wardrobe change.



Ai, musica... Avant-pop musician/composer/singer/songwriter Marianne Nowotny (below left) took a bite out of the Big Apple this summer, playing gigs at the area's most cutting-edge clubs—Maxwell's, Tonic, and The Knitting Factory. Her critically acclaimed CD *afraid of me* was launched at UP & CO and is available there, through Abaton Book Company, and at Other Music (among other locations). Fans can look forward to a Christmas/New Year's 45 in autumn '99.

While Marianne has been enjoying a successful solo career, she is also part of a nouveau-synth duo called Shell, the other half being her best friend Donna Bailey. Shell's premiere performance took place last winter at Team gallery in Chelsea, where they captured the hearts of New York art world. Their debut CD *Shell is Swell* is due for release in early 2000.

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