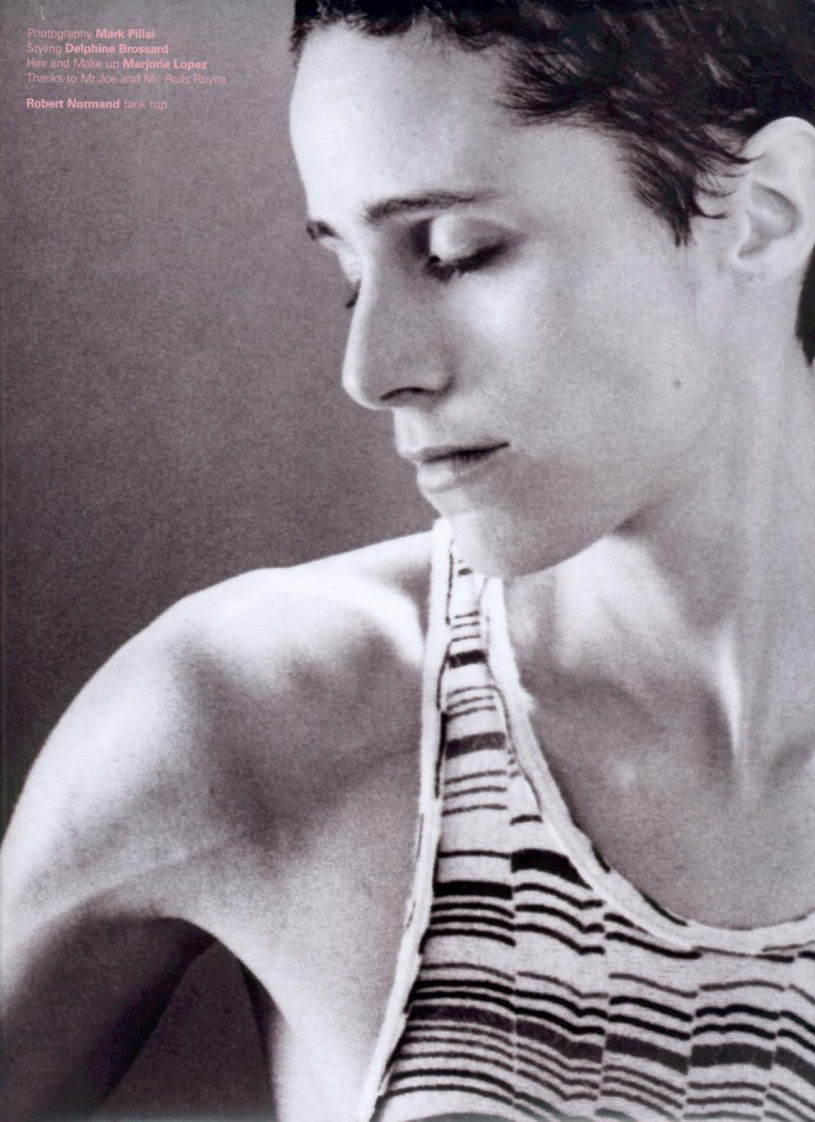


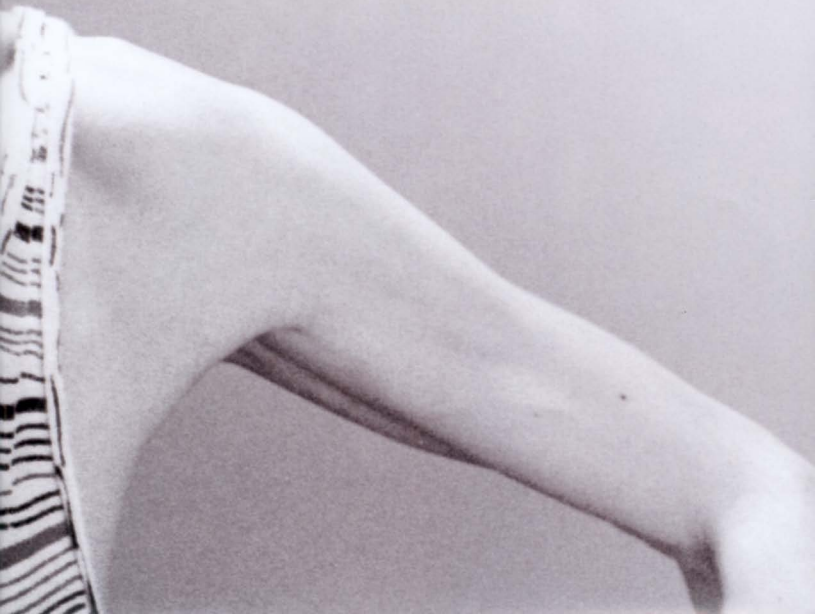
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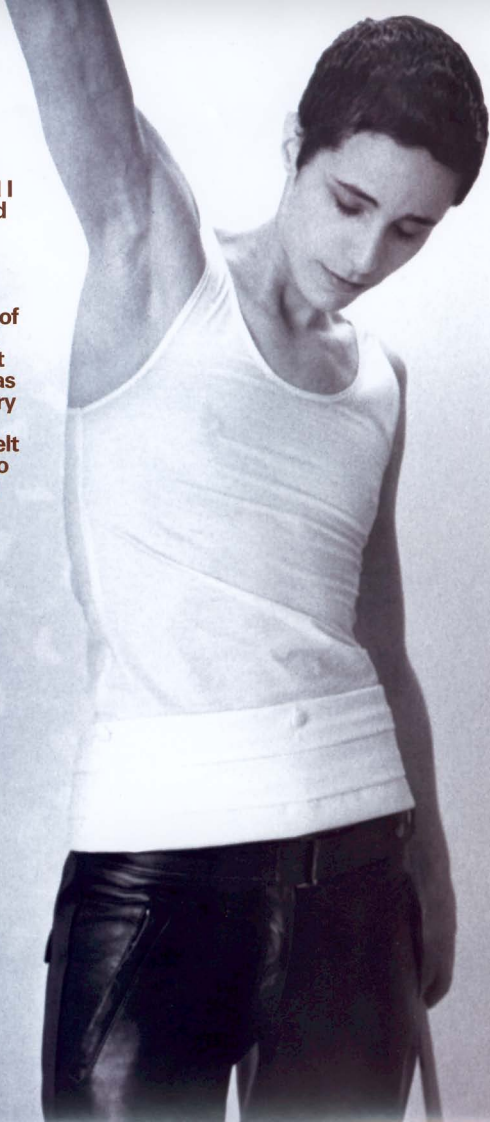
a different kind of rock

They're French, fashionable and the coolest thing in pop rock since the White Stripes. Paris based photographer Mark Pillai muses on his first encounter with the three incredible women of Anatomie Bousculaire, a.k.a Ana B.



Wendy & Jim white
tank top with tuxedo
belt, Barbara Bui
leather trousers

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At the beginning of April I went to Flesh d'Or, a club in Paris to see a concert but I couldn't really stay focused on the band playing as I was captivated by this amazing woman in the audience. The odd thing was, her back was turned to me. No face, just a figure. She had a boyish physique and exuded this masculine strength wearing a white tank top and blue jeans. The cut away tank revealed her thin but trained arms, veins pumping to the skin's surface. When Alice turned around I was fascinated by her androgynous look. It immediately reminded me of Hillary Swank in "Boys Don't Cry". There was something very fragile and tender that I felt by looking into her eyes and I needed to capture it.

Alice fronts a French lesbian rock band based in Paris, Anatomie Bousculaire also known as Ana B. The band began playing gigs in September 2000 when two sisters Cecile (singer and guitarist) and Anne-Julie (bass) met Alice, their drummer. The name Anatomie Bousculaire, the band credits to singer and songwriter, Cecile. "It always puzzles people", she says and goes on to explain, "we just love words, their substance, their musicality, their texture, their organic matter". This is not random word play or self-indulgent intellectualisation. Far from it, it's a sincere invitation to feel the words. "The point is to

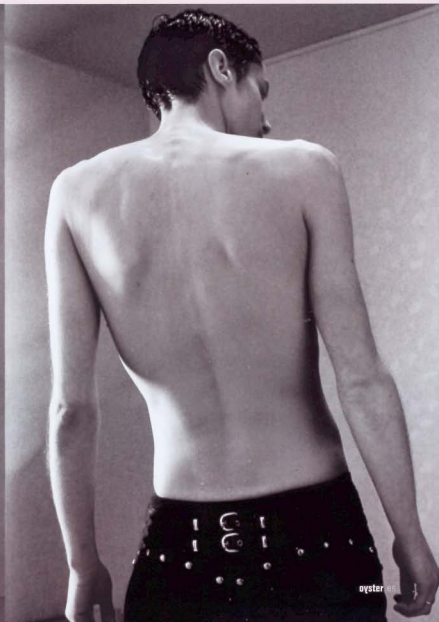
let the imagination flow. It is rough poetry ...free interpretation....", adds Cecile.

In France there is a buzz about this almost girl next door band- their name, their glamour look, politically engaging lyrics and sound are creating a stir. Cecile's voice falls somewhere in between Patty Smith and PJ Harvey, Anne-Julie is often compared to Kim Gordon and Alice hits the drums like Dave Grohl. It is a sound that is reminiscent of bands like Siouxsie and the Banshees, Queen of the Stone Age, Sonic Youth and Nick Cave. Yet these gals are no carbon copies or pseudo musco's. Their music, a peculiar mix of pop rock, childhood lullabies and drum solos, is refreshingly original. Moreover their live performances are brilliantly enthralling.

With their poetic- political lyrics Anatomie Bousculaire's songs openly talk about everything from a woman's love and sexuality to the discrimination and social obligations of women. Featured band member Alice, however jokes about their being more women at their gigs, an imbalance she doesn't seem to mind!

Below left
Gaspard Yurkievich black tank top, model's own mens striped pants

Below right
Replay black jeans





Gaspard Yurkievich black tank
top as before, model's own pants

