

THE DIXIE CHICKS

“Martie [center] is tomboyish, Emily [right] is elegant, and I’m probably the most girlie,” says lead singer Natalie Maines [left]. “I love dresses—drapey, blousy, flowy stuff. I’m so glad that’s in style now.”

hey’re a little bit country and a little bit ... classic rock. Only the Dixie Chicks could get away with both bluegrass tunes and a cover of Fleetwood Mac’s “Landslide” on the same album (as they do on the forthcoming *Home*). The four-time Grammy winners even received VHR’s ultimate seal of approval: an offer to appear on *Divas Las Vegas* with Cher, Celine Dion and Stevie Nicks herself.

They chose the VH1 costume fitting for these photographs because ... “We love to play with fashion,” says Martie Maguire. “It’s nice to have a designer custom-make something—designers often give us samples, but they’re these tiny clothes—I mean, who is model size? For *Divas Las Vegas* we had three costume changes. I guess that means we’re now officially divas.”

They stay in shape by ... “On the last tour we had a yoga instructor who was also a massage therapist and we did Ashtanga yoga every other day for about an hour and a half,” says Maguire. Adds Maines, “I did the Zone, the Atkins and now I’m on a vegetarian diet. I like to change it up to shock my system, because every diet stops working after a while.”

They describe their style as ... “More mature than in the past,” says Maguire. “We have been criticized for our funky fashions, so we’re trying to be classy. We used to dress really vintage cowgirl—boots, yokes—but our new look has a dark, earthy, gypsy feel. Although our music has always been serious to us, it’s now more grown-up, so we need our clothes to reflect that.”

Their must-have makeup includes ... “I’ve tried all the most expensive mascaras and I always go back to Maybelline Great Lash,” says Maguire. Adds Emily Robison, “I like lip glosses. Sheryl Crow gave us Fresh lip gloss in Daphne for Christmas, and I have rebought it four times.”

On the road they carry ... “Our own furniture,” says Maines. “We want each place to seem familiar even when we’re in different locations on tour. So we travel with our own blankets, pillows and couch. And candles, of course. We cover fluorescent lighting with fabric to create a dark, moody feel.”



On tour the Chicks find their “om” away from home on washable purple yoga mats (\$16; 877-777-6287 or matsmatsmats.com).



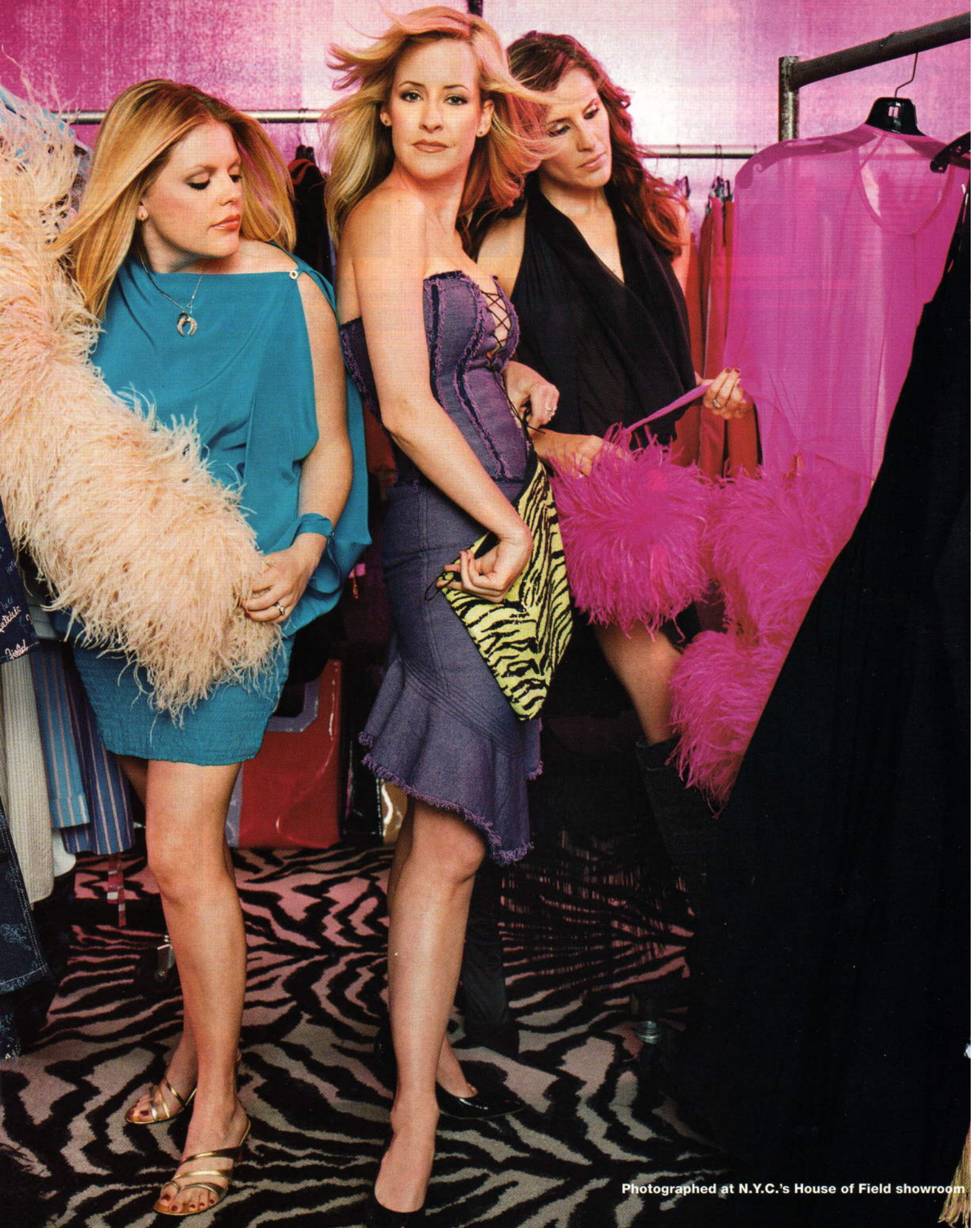
“I feel like my mom in lipstick,” says Robison, who prefers Fresh Lip Shine in Daphne, a gift from Sheryl Crow (\$18; 617-482-9411).



Maines runs in Jil Sander Pumas. “They look like cute little wrestling shoes,” she says (\$200; at Jeffrey, N.Y., 212-206-1272).

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