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DUAL PERSONALITY: Actor Nicole Oliver, who splits her time between Toronto and Vancouver, has to shop for two closets of clothes and shoes.

Actor has shoe obsession

NAME: Nicole Oliver.
OCCUPATION: Actor.

Oliver, whose credits include TV roles in *The Outer Limits*, *Millennium*, *FX: The Series* and *PSI Factor*, as well as commercials for Crest and American Express; also starred in the feature *The Falling*.

HOME TURF: I spend six months a year in Vancouver and the other six months in Toronto.

SIGNATURE STYLE: Simple and classy with a dash of the unexpected. When I look at people like Ava Gardner and Audrey Hepburn, they always looked well put-together even if they were wearing a pair of jeans and a turtleneck.

FAVOURITE STORES: Club Monaco, Venni, Holt Renfrew, Urban Outfitters and Accessity in Toronto. In Vancouver, I shop at Leone Fashions, Aritzia Clothing and Deluxe Junk.

When I started to act in Van-

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cover two years ago, I discovered that it was a real hotbed for second-hand clothing. I once found a \$5 black patent handbag from the '50s with a sterling silver clasp.

FAVOURITE LABELS: Teenflo, Parallel, BCBG, Policy and Club Monaco. I also like clothes by Anne Klein, Richard Tyler and Calvin Klein. These designers make suits that are very simple and can be mixed and matched.

I sometimes wear styles by Betsey Johnson. My favourite is a five-year-old cabbage rose print dress. She has a great sense of humour.

STANDOUT STYLE: A little black acrylic and Spandex cardigan I bought on sale at Mendocino. It

looks great with jeans and a T-shirt or over a dress when I go out for dinner.

ANNUAL CLOTHING BUDGET: Over \$1,000. I shop in September and April, because that's when the sales are.

Since I live in two cities, I have two closets.

I give Imelda Marcos a run for her money in the shoe department. I love shoes — everything from funky sneakers to high-heeled stilettos — and I need clothes to go with them.

FASHION PHILOSOPHY: Keep it simple. I don't want clothes to wear me. I want to wear the clothes.

Ellen Bot profiles a stylish person every two weeks. To suggest a subject for the column, write to her at The Toronto Star. Please include a photograph of the subject. Unfortunately, she is unable to return photographs and phone inquiries