

CoCoROSIE ★★★½***Noah's Ark* [TOUCH AND GO]***Quirky sister duo opens the instrumental toy chest once again*

CoCoRosie's Bianca and Sierra Cassady are formerly estranged, American-born sisters who reunited



in Paris in 2004, recording their winsome debut, *La Maison de Mon Reve*, in an apartment packed with

broken toys (which were promptly converted to honking instruments). *Noah's Ark* yields more woozy, disembodied folk songs, soaked in hip-hop and sprinkled with weird, ethereal

bits: "South 2nd" finds the sisters' remarkable pipes cooing in perfect harmony (Bianca's crinkled, coy vocals blend impeccably with Sierra's operatic howls) over glockenspiel, acoustic guitar and something that sounds an awful lot like a phone ringing. Disconcerting and intensely beautiful, *Noah's Ark* is an edgy, paranormal exercise in pairing ghostly beats with scrappy, earth-bound girls.

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