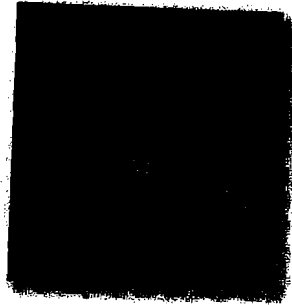


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## CocoRosie

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### The Adventures Of Ghosthorse And Stillborn

TOUCH AND GO

**Another peek into the remarkable twilight world of the Casady siblings.**

CocoRosie's 2005 album *Noah's Ark* was a charming kook-fest and worthy sequel to 2004's *La Maison de Mon Rêve* debut in which the once estranged American Casady sisters – opera-trained Sierra; little girl-voiced Bianca – leavened childlike musings with Jean Genet-derived eroticism and folk/hip hop backings with squeaky toys and fairytale caprices. Recorded in Reykjavik with Björk collaborator Valgeir Sigurdsson, *The Adventures Of Ghosthorse And Stillborn* dives deeper still into their cultural dressing up box. Opener *Rainbow Warriors* is typically eclectic, accommodating an aria-like introduction, scratching and an irresistible

melody – think Björk covering Tom Tom Club. *Bloody Twins* marries music boxes to witchy mewlings; *Japan* is a playground anthem with a dark undertow (“everybody wants to go to Iraq”) and exquisite operatic interlude. Like much here, it seduces with a mixture of whimsical beauty and compelling mystery.

*David Sheppard*