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COCOROSIE

The Adventures of Ghosthorse and Stillborn

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**Whoopie has nothing on this
mysterious sister act**

[Touch & Go] There's no middle ground in digesting CocoRosie; it's either unrequited love of the most obsessive kind or a seething hatred for their disjointed wanderings that will pull out your eyelashes one by one. Sisters Sierra [Rosie] and Bianca [Coco] Casady's third record is a mystical affair, full of whimsical melodies broken up by shards of found sounds and jarring sparseness. "Japan" rides a maniacal wave of Muppet Baby musical theater, singing "Everybody wants to go to Japan/Everybody just hold hands" before wilting away into a minute of chimes and opera falsetto, only to come walloping back with the opening segment's pluckish charm. "Rainbowarriors" could be a Natalie Imbruglia song, were it not for CocoRosie's implantation of horses neighing and porpoises clicking cut in with a DJ Premier-like insistency. CocoRosie has this fantastic ability to infuse humanity into their drum machines, and the warming result carries *The Adventures* to marvelous heights. It's a beauty, assuming it doesn't give you seizures. **Brandon Perkins**