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**subvocal** is a psychedelic folk-noir project started and maintained by Mark Adkins based in Madison, Wisconsin. The project quickly gained a devout and diverse fan base, winning "Best Band" within the first months of performing out (MAMA'S 2004) and then "Best CD" for their debut CD, *Nikki's Room* (Madison Area Music Awards 2005). Mark Adkins arrived in Madison from Northern California in 1997 specifically to attend to his "too long put off" musical life. Soon he met guitarist Brad Graham and cellist Steve Pingry. It was here in Madison where Mark's unique approach to production along with his peculiar, soft guitar-playing technique began taking shape to become the subvocal sound. With the addition of vocalist Vanessa Tortolano and percussionist Gregory Thornburg subvocal began playing out at select showcase venues. **subvocal** has also played with cellist, Jennifer Baron, now living in London and producer and DNA Studio owner, Brian Daly. **subvocal** can be booked as a solo show, featuring Mark Adkins or as a full band of different configurations. The current configuration is commonly a three piece with Mark, Steve and Vanessa. In any case the sound is rich, full and dynamic and will propel listeners to another world. The sound of **subvocal** is very large and is often recommended for larger or showcase venues.

**Performance:** subvocal has performed live or been interviewed on these radio and TV stations: The Lee Rayburn Show (Air America Radio- 92.1), WMM (105.5), WSUM (91.7), WORT (89.9), KMUD - Garberville, CA. (91.1) and the NBC morning show (ch 15). **subvocal** has performed at these venues: Jerry Fest (OH) The Barrymore Theater, The High Noon Saloon, The Annex, Luthers Blues, MAMA'S -2006, Mother Fools, The King Club, The Magnus, The Cafe Monte Marte. In addition Mark Adkins has also performed at The Crystal Grand Theater (opening for Three Dog Night), Atwood Summerfest, Echo Valley Farms. "*Possession*" was picked up for an advertising campaign for the Toyota Scion, which ran in December, 2005. "*Judi*" was inspired by environmental activist, Judi Bari and has recieved much attention from various radio stations throughout the world. "*Fields Of War*," is about our involvement in Iraq. (An updated performance list is available on request)

## Nikki's Room CD (Press)

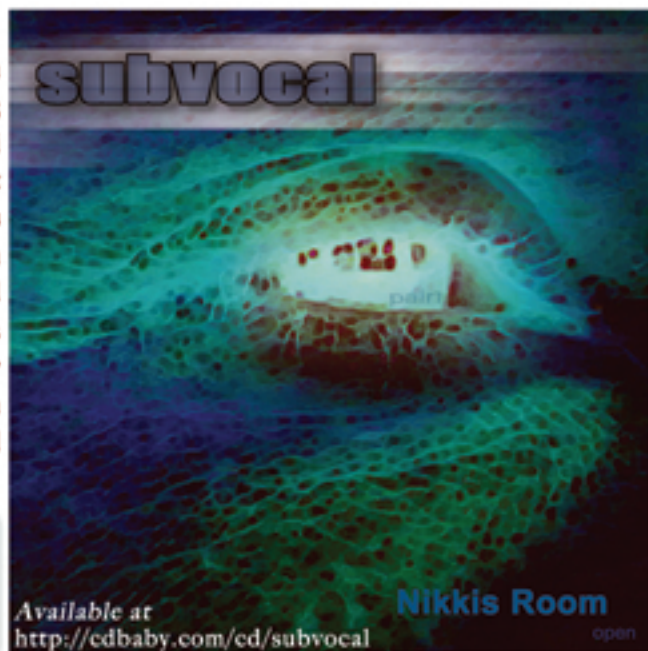
"...Nikki's Room quietly pulsates with mesmerizing ambience and haunting (sometimes spoken) vocals that linger in an ethereal and dark otherworld...  
...**subvocal** makes nods to both modern noise and classic melodies. Mark Adkins sounds like Peter Gabriel and is often joined by the angelic voice of Vanessa Tortolano. *Nikki's Room* is alternately sparse, stark and stunning..."

Michael Popke,  
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