

**Title :** Nico & The Vascellaris

**Media :** Performance

**Year :** 2005

**Selected exhibitions :** "First International Price For Performance", Galleria Civica di Trento.

**Prices :** First International Price For Performance (Jury : Marina Abramovic, Renato Barilli, Sabine Folie, Andrea Lissoni, Virgilio Sieni, Barbara Boninsegna, Fabio Cavallucci).

In order to make this performance I've involved my whole family.

I brought my mother, my father and my sister to a recording studio and asked each of them to play a different instrument.

My father played the drum, my mother the bass guitar and my sister the guitar.

None of them ever touched an instrument before.

Together we recorded "Hotel", the first and last song of a band I've decided to call "Nico & The Vascellaris".

The performance was presented at The First International Prize for Performance, initiated by Galleria Civica di Trento, in front of almost 300 people.

It took place in a very huge room that I've decided to leave in total darkness.

My parents are facing each other at a distance of almost 2 meters. With their hands they hold above their heads a wooden plank.

Under the plank my sister carries a pink neon sign that spells the name of the band.

In front of her, also under the plank, I sing over the music that my family had previously recorded.

The song "Hotel" is going to be released on a 7" vinyl and the video was broadcasted on MTV Italy in November.



