CLAIMS

1. A karaoke system comprising:

a karaoke box coupled to an amplifier, wherein the karaoke box is arranged to display an output image and is further arranged to emit output audio on the amplifier;

a video camera coupled to the karaoke box;

a microphone coupled to the amplifier, in use cooperating with the video camera to enable a karaoke performer to perform a karaoke performance comprising a raw video recording;

a chroma key screen forming a background image against which the raw video recording is recorded;

at least one mobile device being in communication with the karaoke box, the mobile device being arranged to transmit an additional image or additional audio to the karaoke box, wherein the additional image is combined with the output image and the additional audio is combined with the output audio emitted on the amplifier;

a recording unit being arranged to compile a processed video recording, wherein the processed video recording combines the raw video recording and the background image, and the processed video recording is compiled in real time; and

a processing unit arranged to store the processed video recording.

2. A karaoke system as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a display screen adapted to show lyrics and the additional audio or additional images.

3. A karaoke system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the microphone is not part of the at least one mobile device.

4. A karaoke system as claimed in claim 3, wherein the recording is edited by addition of special effects post-production.

5. A karaoke system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the recording unit is arranged to superimpose the video of the karaoke performer onto the background image.

6. A karaoke system as claimed in claim 2, wherein the recording unit is arranged to display the processed video recording on the display screen so that, in use, the karaoke performer can review the recording in real-time during the karaoke performance.

7. A karaoke system as claimed in claim 2, wherein the recording unit comprises editing software enabling the processed video recording to be edited.

8. A karaoke system as claimed in claim 2, wherein the processing unit is arranged to display the processed video recording to be edited on the display screen.

9. A karaoke system as claimed in claim 8, wherein the processing unit is arranged to display the processed video recording on the at least one mobile device.

10. A karaoke system as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the processing unit is arranged to make the processed video recording available to third parties for download.

11. A karaoke system as claimed in claim 8, wherein the processing unit is arranged to make the processed video recording available through a social media portal.

12. A karaoke system as claimed in claim 8 or 9, wherein the processing unit is arranged to make only a part of the processed video recording available.

13. A karaoke system as claimed in claim 2, wherein the additional image comprises text messages, icons, pictures, animation or video segments and the additional audio comprises sound clips or sound effects.

14. A karaoke system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the chroma key screen is adapted to emit the additional audio and/or to display the additional images.

15. A method for operating a karaoke system comprising the steps of:

a) selecting a karaoke song to be performed;

b) emitting an audio track of the karaoke song over a speaker;

c) displaying lyrics for the karaoke song on a display screen to enable a karaoke performer to sing a substitute vocal track, wherein the substitute vocal track is also emitted over the speaker superimposed on the audio track;

d) enabling an additional user to generate an additional image or additional audio, wherein the additional image is combined with the lyrics displayed on the display screen and the additional audio is combined with the substitute vocal track emitted on the speaker;

e) compiling a video recording of the combined audio track, substitute vocal track and additional audio; and

f) capturing a raw video recording of the karaoke performer on a background image formed from a chroma key screen and combining the video recording with the raw video recording in real-time, thereby creating a processed video recording.

16. A method as claimed in claim 15, comprising the step of compiling the processed video recording to include the additional image and displaying the processed video recording on the display screen.

17. A method as claimed in claim 15 or 16, comprising the step of transmitting the additional image or additional audio from a mobile device that is in communication with the karaoke system.

18. A method as claimed in claim 17, wherein the recording is made using a microphone which is not part of the mobile device.

19. A method as claimed in claim 18, comprising the step of editing the processed video recording by addition of special effects post-production.

20. A method as claimed in claim 19, comprising the step of the karaoke performer uploading the background image to the chroma key screen.

21. A method as claimed in any one of claims 15 to 20, comprising the step of editing the processed video recording.

22. A method as claimed in any one of claims 15 to 21, comprising the step of enabling the processed video recording to be accessed by third parties or distributed to third parties via social media.

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1. A karaoke system comprising:

a karaoke box coupled to a screen and to an amplifier, wherein the karaoke box is arranged to display an output image on the screen and is further arranged to emit output audio on the amplifier;

a microphone coupled to the amplifier, in use enabling a karaoke performer to perform a karaoke performance;

one or more mobile devices being in communication with the karaoke box, each mobile device being arranged to transmit an additional image or additional audio to the karaoke box, wherein the additional image is combined with the output image displayed on the screen and the additional audio is combined with the output audio emitted on the amplifier;

a recording unit being arranged to compile a recording of the combined output audio and additional audio; and

a processing unit arranged to store the recording.

2. A karaoke system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the recording is compiled to include the combined output image and the additional image.

3. A karaoke system as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the recording unit comprises a video camera being arranged to record a video of the karaoke performer, and wherein the recording is compiled to include the video.

4. A karaoke system as claimed in claim 3, comprising a chroma key screen arranged to form a background against which the video of the karaoke performer is recorded.

5. A karaoke system as claimed in claim 4, wherein the recording unit is arranged to superimpose the video of the karaoke performer onto a background image.

6. A karaoke system as claimed in claim 5, wherein the background image is an image uploaded to the recording unit by the karaoke performer.

7. A karaoke system as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the recording unit is arranged to display the recording on the screen so that, in use, the

karaoke performer can review the recording in real-time during the karaoke performance.

8. A karaoke system as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the recording unit comprises editing software enabling the recording to be edited.

9. A karaoke system as claimed in claim 6, wherein the processing unit is arranged to display the edited recording on the screen so that, in use, the karaoke performer can review the edited recording after the karaoke performance is finished.

10. A karaoke system as claimed in claim 6 or 7, wherein the processing unit is arranged to display the edited recording on one or more of the mobile devices.

11. A karaoke system as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the processing unit is arranged to make the recording available to third parties for download.

12. A karaoke system as claimed in claim 9, wherein the processing unit is arranged to make the recording available through a social media portal.

13. A karaoke system as claimed in claim 9 or 10, wherein the processing unit is arranged to make only a part of the recording available.

14. A karaoke system as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the additional image comprises text messages, icons, pictures, animation or video segments.

15. A karaoke system as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the additional audio comprises sound clips or sound effects.

16. A method for operating a karaoke system comprising the steps of:

a) selecting a karaoke song to be performed;

b) emitting an audio track of the karaoke song over a speaker;

c) displaying lyrics for the karaoke song on a screen to enable a karaoke performer to sing a substitute vocal track, wherein the substitute vocal track is also emitted over the speaker superimposed on the audio track;

d) enabling an additional user to generate an additional image or additional audio, wherein the additional image is combined with the lyrics displayed on the screen and the additional audio is combined with the substitute vocal track emitted on the speaker;

e) compiling a recording of the combined audio track, substitute vocal track and additional audio; and

f) storing the recording.

17. A method as claimed in claim 16, comprising the step of compiling the recording to include the additional image.

18. A method as claimed in claim 16 or 17, comprising the step of transmitting the additional image or additional audio from a mobile device that is in communication with the karaoke system.

19. A method as claimed in any one of claims 16 to 18, comprising the step of capturing a video of the karaoke performer and combining the video with the recording.

20. A method as claimed in claim 19, comprising the step of capturing the video of the karaoke performer on a chroma key background thereby enabling the video to be superimposed on a background image.

21. A method as claimed in claim 20, comprising the step of the karaoke performer uploading the background image onto which the video is superimposed.

22. A method as claimed in any one of claims 16 to 21, comprising the step of editing the recording.

23. A method as claimed in any one of claims 16 to 22, comprising the step of enabling the recording to be accessed by third parties or distributed to third parties via social media.