

ABSTRACT
KARAOKE NETWORK SYSTEM WITH
BROADCASTING OF BACKGROUND PICTURES

A karaoke network system is composed of a central station (20) for serving karaoke data and image data, and a group of karaoke terminals (30) connected to the central station through a communication line (10) having a common channel and a multiple of parallel channels for locally presenting a karaoke accompaniment and a background picture. The central station includes a first server (22) responsive to a request command from a karaoke terminal for transmitting to the common channel a requested karaoke data individually addressed to the karaoke terminal, and a second server (21) operative independently from the first server for transmitting to the parallel channels a plurality of different image data continuously broadcasted to each karaoke terminal. The karaoke terminal includes an admitter (31) for admitting the karaoke data addressed thereto from the common channel, and a selector (34) for selecting one of the parallel channels to admit therefrom one image data associated to the admitted karaoke data, such that the karaoke terminal can present the karaoke accompaniment and the background picture according to the simultaneously admitted karaoke data and the image data.

