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**Karaoke 101: Some Basic Facts Of Karaoke**

**By Robert Thatcher**

Have you ever wonder why this little music machine attracts so many people in the entertainment world? Have you ever tried singing a good song using a karaoke?

Today, the utilization of karaoke is rapidly gaining a fair share in the market. In most entertainment places like bars, merry-making will not be complete without these remarkable music machine known as the karaoke.

However, many people are wondering what this karaoke is all about. How come that this new technology had quickly gained the people's attention in a short span of time.

Moreover, there are many people wondering why, in spite of the close interaction between and among karaoke users, still, they do not know what karaoke is all about.

So for those who wish to know everything about karaoke, here is a list of some facts that will help those who want to land a big score in this remarkable music box.

1. When name matters

It is obvious that the word "karaoke" is a foreign name.

In reality, karaoke is actually a Japanese term, which means "empty orchestra," where "kara" in Japan means empty, while "oke," from the Japanese term okesutora, which means orchestra.

No wonder why using karaoke literally creates a small orchestra where the performer and his audience are having a grand time.

2. The origin

Karaoke first originated in Japan during the 1970s, where people are known to be "entertainment aficionados." At a later stage, this wonderful music boom box was distributed to the East Asia during

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the last part of the 1980s and entered the United States on early part of the 1990s. From here, karaoke gradually dominated the whole world.

### 3. The technology

The basic technological concept of karaoke machine is based on the utilization of "audio input" and "audio output."

This technology uses the concept of "subcode," which, in turn, makes the encoding of the lyrics absolutely possible.

With this device, seeing the lyrics on the screen was made possible.

On the other hand, the technology that is being used by the karaoke machines has the capacity to

modify or alternate the "pitch of music" so that the singers will be able to establish a good connection with any available source of music. This can be done by preferring a particular key based on their "vocal range."

### 4. The authentic look

What the modern people may not realize is the fact that the first forms of karaoke resemble to that of a cassette player. This is because karaoke in the past uses compact discs or CDs. The only difference this karaoke CDs make with the other CDs is that it combines standard graphics capability known as the CD+G.

### 5. Utilization of newer technology

With the fast pace of technology, one item seem to evolve with another item that is more technically superb than its first form.

Take for example the emerging new technology of karaoke. With the help of the new technology, karaoke fanatics may no longer stay in clubs and bars just to get hold of the microphone and sing. This is because karaoke is already available over the cellular phones, Internet, and computers.

All of these three use special software that when attached to the machine, the audience will be able to make the best performance.

Indeed, karaoke are known for its entertainment purpose. So one should keep in mind that the only best way to enjoy karaoke is to be entertained to the fullest.

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## **Karaoke Software For Inevitable Singing**

**By John Rivers**

Before karaoke came in this world, people used to sing with the accompaniment of people playing music instruments. The singing is not complete without them. Singing in those times was quite odd because of the lack of resources.

Then karaoke was introduced. This innovation in the singing world leads to better appreciation of people to music. Singing became the most sought hobby and activity of every citizen. They became addict and indulge in singing through karaoke.

Karaoke was pioneered by the Japanese. The word karaoke was derived form two Japanese words, kara meaning music, and oke, a word that means orchestra. The karaoke became a phenomenon. Karaoke already reached different countries including the most powerful and the hardest to penetrate, the United States of America. Karaoke is being used in different languages and dialects around the globe.

Americans are so much indulged with karaoke. Almost every household has their own sot of karaoke which they use during parties and some occasions. They use karaoke to entertain their guests and visitors. Even without any occasions, still they use karaoke for their own entertainment.

Karaoke provide and offer much enjoyment. They can relax when they are singing in karaoke. Karaoke singing serves a activity to strengthen relationships, to build ties between each and every one.

Before you can enjoy and have fun in karaoke, there are lots to prepare first. You need to have compact discs and tapes that are installed with songs, which are of much cost that usually holes our pockets. We also spend in buying players. So karaoke singing is quite a burden for our wallets, but despite these, we still patronize karaoke because of the joy and entertainment it brings.

In the birth of the cyber world, the access to karaoke entertainment was made easy. Karaoke is just in front of us, right in our computers. It is just a click a way. It is only a matter of some finger movements.

You can convert your computers into a karaoke machine by karaoke software and programs. You can download and have this software with charge or free of charge.

Karaoke software may be in the form of song, lyrics, music or in the form of downloadable pictures and images that can make as backgrounds.

Karaoke software that is in the form of song, supply and offer singing and entertainment without limitations. You can have as many songs as you want. So can have and create your own archive of songs. Amaze your friends with these songs for you can download it where ever and when ever.

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If the karaoke software is in the form of lyrics, it gives you lyrics of your favorite songs. You can make your own book of lyrics through this software.

There are also software that provides pictures and images that you can make use as backgrounds of your monitor. This will add to the enjoyment and relaxation of karaoke singing. You can also make slides through this pictures and images.

Converting your much loved computer into a karaoke machine through the help of karaoke software, will add savor to your life. This will give you much entertainment. Your karaoke enjoyment and relaxation will be just as easy as single flick of your fingers.

Karaoke software is now offered in the market. They are two inches away from you. So what are you waiting form? Start surfing the now and download this karaoke software for your convenience.

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