

November was white December was grey

*"Thirty days hath
September, April, June and
November."*

The penultimate month of 2015 saw so much take place. Jazz fest, Folk fest, this fest, that fest. Leave the political stories aside, November has consistently proved itself to be the "Month of Culture" in the past several years. Should we make it official already?

What's so special about it anyway? Do your birthdays fall within these days? Is it the weather? No, what you saw a few days ago wasn't the fog. It was only an enormous cloud of pollutants floating on the stagnant air of Dhaka. Starting tomorrow, it will produce currents of classical tunes.

Everything that could happen, happens in November.
Good luck, December.

– Kazi Akib Bin Asad, Master of Ping Pong, SHOUT

APP REVIEW

DUET

"Keep Calm and Avoid Everything"

SALMA MOHAMMAD ALI

Platform: Android, iOS
Size: 49.6 MB

In Duet you have a ring with two dots on opposite sides: one red and one blue, and you have to rotate the ring, clockwise or counter-clockwise, by holding the screen (the ring stops rotating when you let go). The game stops if an oncoming obstacle manages to hit either dot - the whitish-grey obstacles get splashed with colour, as the dot explodes. This way you'll know where you went wrong and can avoid the same mistake next time.

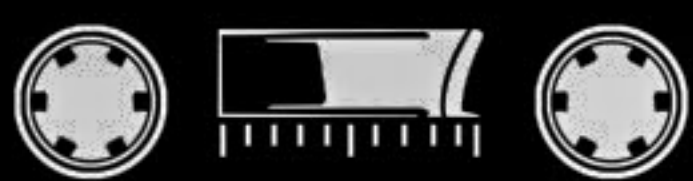
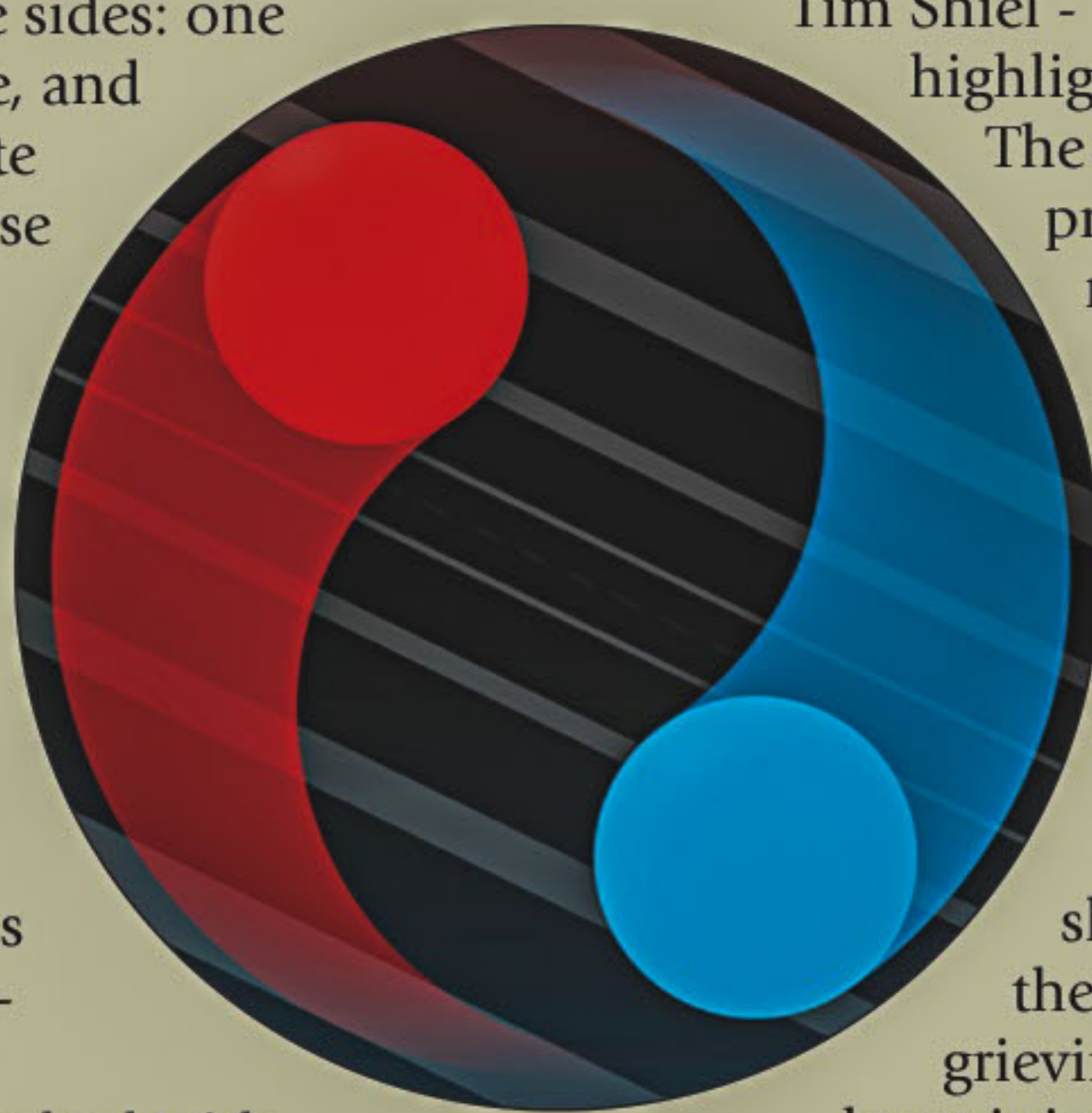
The controls may sound like child's play, but the gameplay isn't - there's barely a break between the obstacles and they often start twisting, spinning and speeding up without warning. It's extremely challenging; it gets your heart racing and requires your concentration and reflexes to be on point, and excellent hand-eye

coordination is crucial, but oddly enough the graphics, animation and soundtrack are extremely relaxing. Use headphones to enjoy the full soothing effect of this eerily pleasing soundtrack by composer Tim Shiel - one of the highlights of the game.

The ads, while present, are very rare and the background of geometric shapes is rather admirable.

Duet contains around 50 story mode stages, slightly based on the stages of grieving (denial, anger, bargaining, etc.). The

obstacles' behaviour and difficulty vary with each stage and when you're past the story mode, another set of levels (considerably different from the first) is available, but sadly only in the premium, ad-free version which needs to be purchased. This is probably the only letdown in this captivating game of minimalist nature. Try it and sign in using your Google account - it would be thoroughly frustrating if you were to lose your progress.



MIXTAPE

CLASSICAL

Shubha Mudgal
Raag Nand

Rahul Sharma &
Richard Clayderman
Jaisalmer

Rekha Bhardwaj
Badi Dheere Jali Raina

Anoushka Shankar
Lasya

Shubhayu Sen
Majumdar
Tumi Robe Nirobe
(Esraj)

THIS WEEK'S HORRORSCOPE

ARIES

A surprising number of penguins will dictate your week.



TAURUS

Introspective reflection will reveal that it is indeed a kidney ulcer.



GEMINI

An immigrant will take your job, make it better and give it back to you.



CANCER

Developments in your love life will be very interesting to the police.



LEO

You will reap the rewards of another person's lunchbox.



VIRGO

Avoid cynics this week. Why not start a dog food cart?



LIBRA

Drink only mineral water because you really need to grow some stones.



SCORPIO

Synchronized undressing is not a competitive sport but it is satisfying.



SAGITTARIUS

Enough time has passed for Sidney Sheldon to be enjoyed ironically.



CAPRICORN

Limp Bizkit however can't be enjoyed at all.



AQUARIUS

You will overdose on festivals and spend December shut-in, bored and depressed.



PISCES

Nothing of note will happen to you.

