

BOOKS, BOOKSTORES, AND BANGLADESH

I love travelling and books; what I love more is travelling with books. I have never been on a trip, domestic or international, where a book wasn't in my backpack. And every time I step into a bookstore, my eyes search for any hint of a book that's about Bangladesh or authored by my compatriot. More often than not, I am disappointed. On my last trip to Southeast Asia, as I scanned through the aisles of the bookstores, I could only find outdated versions of Bangladesh travel guides. That too, kept in the bottom rows behind other books, out of plain sight.

So I took the matter on my own hands – bookstores around the world, here's my confession:

If you ever find a book about Bangladesh placed at an arm's reach, somewhere easily visible, or in the best spot on a shelf - know that it was me. It's a promise I have made to my motherland, that I will do my best to put her on the map. Or in this case, on the top shelf.

– Kazi Akib Bin Asad, Sub-editor, SHOUT



THIS WEEK'S HORRORSCOPE

ARIES

When in Dhaka, do as the Noakhailas.



TAURUS

The pen is mightier than the keyboard.



GEMINI

Too many cooks spoil the cooking reality show.



CANCER

People who live in glass houses should not go to the toilet.



LEO

Better late than dead.



VIRGO

Practice makes the perfect omelettes.



LIBRA

All good things must come to a heated discussion in Facebook.



SCORPIO

Do not judge an e-book by its format.



SAGITTARIUS

2B or HB, that is the pencil.



CAPRICORN

Birds of a feather, twerk together.



AQUARIUS

Save your web designer's contact as Peter Parker.

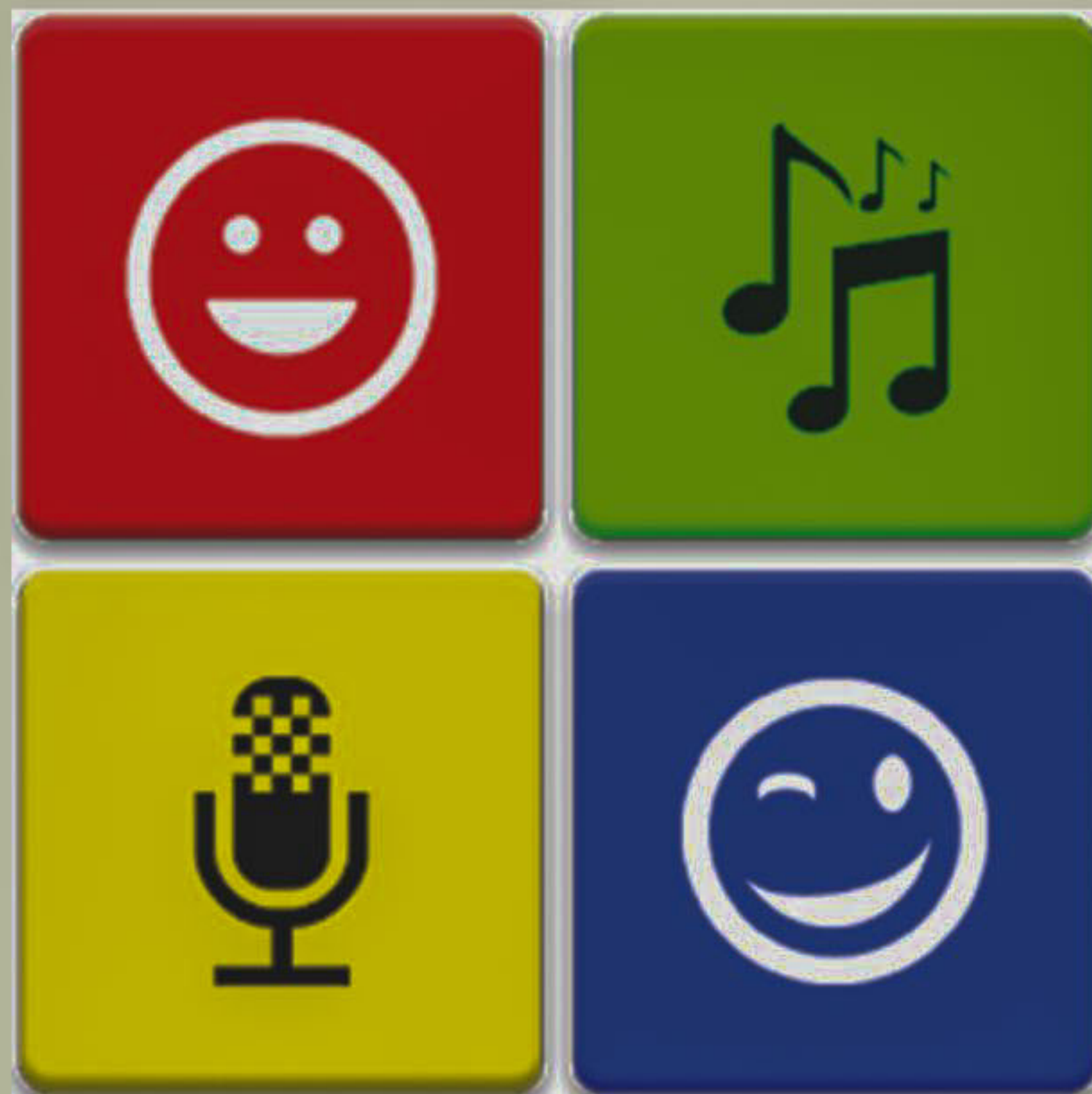


PISCES

You could take a horse to the water but why would you?



APP REVIEW



BE YOUR OWN BAND

SADI SHAHNEWAZ

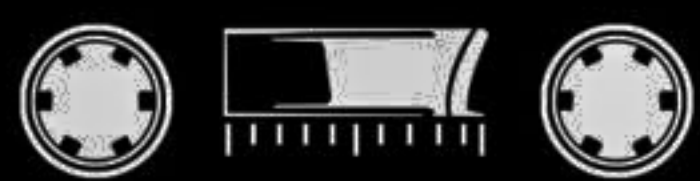
Platform: Android

Have a knack for vocal harmonies, but don't have the technical prowess to put together and edit a cappella videos? Or perhaps you know how to play multiple instruments and want to show off your musical talent on social media? If it's either of the aforementioned situations, you're going to love the Acapella Maker.

This nifty app has allowed millions of people around the world to overcome their fears of video editing and jump straight into a world of endless musical possibilities. It basically allows you to input multiple layers of video recordings side-by-side to create a complete a cappella video. Starting off,

the app lets you decide if you want to listen to either a pre-recorded audio as a base, or it lets you record the base audio yourself. After that, you start piling up the panels with your video. Even though you can use up to four panels in the free version, you can stretch that up to nine panels in the full version. The full version also lets you record up to five minutes instead of just one in the free version. All you have to do is donate to the developers, and you can pitch in any amount that you want.

The interface is intuitive and user-friendly while having enough features to cover for even a hardcore music enthusiast. Once you're in the groove, you will know while users worldwide can't recommend this app enough. What are you waiting for, get downloading and start recording.



MIXTAPE

CLASSIC

MKTO
Classic

GEORGE MICHAEL
Careless Whisper

NEW POLITICS
Harlem

PHIL COLLINS
Another Day in Paradise

ELTON JOHN
Sacrifice

ANCIENT MUSIC
Cavemen