

The Pearl of Islam featuring Nujum al Layl The Pearl of Islam features three talented young Muslimas from Johannesburg, South Africa, Aaliya Ismail, Emaan Haswaray and Firdows Badat. It is a collection of 8 songs aimed at the Muslim youth about the 5 Pillars of Islam, the Holy Prophet Muhammed SAW, Islam as a religion of peace and in praise of Allah. The album was written and produced by Jeremy Karodia.

Jeremy is also from South Africa and taught and played music for many years as a living. In 2004 he met fellow South African and well known Nasheed artist, Zain Bhikha. It was Zain who introduced Jeremy to the world of Nasheed and he subsequently worked fulltime for Zain as his producer. Jeremy co-produced Zain's "Mountains of Mecca" and then produced Zain's "Allah knows" album. Through his collaboration with Zain, Jeremy had the opportunity to meet other well known Nasheed artists such as Dawud Wharansby Ali, Native Deen, 786, Sami Yusuf and Yusuf Islam. He co-produced 3 songs for Yusuf Islam's "I look I see 2" and 1 song from Native Deen's "Not afraid to stand alone" albums. He also co-produced a song called " He is there" for Sami Yusuf's new album.

In 2008, Jeremy opened his label, Black Seed Music. In 2008 Jeremy was commissioned by Huda TV to write '99 Names of Allah' for an educational video. Huda TV have released a video using English translation. Jeremy was urged to write an album for the youth which has subsequently culminated in the release of Pearl of Islam. The songs were written mainly for the Muslim youth using the talented voices of the three girls. The group is called Nujum al Layl which loosely translated means Stars of the Night. Aaliya, Emaan and Firdows each have a song in which they solo their voices.

Some of the songs are duets between two of them whilst in some all three solo sections of the song. Aaliya Ismail had worked with Jeremy on Zain Bhikha's "Allah Knows" and she had previously sung on Zain's "Mountains of Mecca" singing in a group with other children. This is her first time recording as a lead vocalist. She sings the Arabic names of Allah on "99 Names of Allah". Emaan Haswaray was introduced to Jeremy by Aaliya. This was her first time working in a studio and recording as a lead vocalist. She solos on a song called "The Call of Islam".

Firdows Badat had previously sung for some radio stations but had no experience recording as a lead vocalist. She solos a song called "Lord of the Worlds". The common theme running through all the songs is the devotion and praise to Allah. Yet each song also has a message to the Muslim youth that Islam is a way of life that needs to be lived rather than spoken about. The songs are also an expression of the message of peace that Islam preaches and they urge the youth to take up the reins, be positive and own the responsibility to carry the message of Islam. Nujumul Layl has performed at various Muslim schools and Islamic functions in South Africa.