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## Pearls of Islam

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Mecca2Medina is the most popular Muslim hiphop group in the UK. Their work expresses self-confidence and pride, relating of both European and transnational Islam. The three British-African band members, who are converts to Islam, offer their vision of a good Muslim to raise awareness and pride among Muslim youths and to promote a positive image of Islam.

This is also the case of Pearls of Islam who play nasheed: songs supported by percussion. For the two Caribbean women "their love for their religion is the most important thing." The Pearls represent the new trend of pious Muslimas expressing their religious commitment via music.

From 4 till 6 October ISIM hosted the "Return of the Poets" concert tour featuring Mecca2Medina and Pearls of Islam. The tour was organized in cooperation with Kosmopolis Rotterdam and Fatusch Productions.

## Mecca2Medina