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FOCUSING ON THE *HALAL* AND *HARAM*
CASE STUDY: THE HEALER/HIP-HOP BY IRVIAH BADU,
NISHA ALIHA BY MAHER ZAIN AND SHOUT TO
THE LORD BY DARLENE ZACHREN

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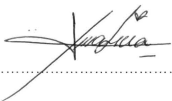
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ABSTRACT

The purpose of the study is to identify *Halal* and *haram* lyrics in Islam and will be discussing on how the lyric turns *Halal* or *Haram* according to the Islamic law. This study will benefit Muslims and Non-Muslims who are interested in this matter. It is purposely studied to give the people a thou rough understand and realize what are the connection between Music, Singing and Islam is in daily life. The status and legality of music and singing have always confused a lot of Muslims mind due to the different arguments hold by Muslim jurists since music was created. Some of the jurists and scholars will allow singing but some of them have some strict restrictions on singing. This research is to identify lyric content according to rules (*shari'ah*) of Islam. There will be a discussion about the element of lyrics content according to '*shari'ah*, *aqidah* and *akhlak*' and it is the differences culture and genre of song that will provide the status of *Halal* or *Haram* in singing. The findings will help Muslims and Non-Muslims understand which songs adhere to the regulations.

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

Islam (الإسلام, *al-islām*), the youngest of the great religions is the world's second largest and arguably the fastest growing religion in the world. The word of 'Islam' can be defined as obedience or submission to God. (Mawdudi, 1980; Fowler, Gerber, Lawrence, 2000).¹ It is a monotheistic faith which refers believing the God (الله, Allāh) and one of the Abrahamic religions. Islam is a religion which guided by Prophet Muhammad who was the founder of Islam. Therefore, an adherent of Islam is called as 'Muslim'.

There are other world major religions such as Christianity, Baha'i, Buddhism, Confucianism, Hinduism, Jainism, Judaism, Shinto, Sikhism, Taoism, and Zoroastrianism. (Fowler, Gerber, Lawrence, 2000)² According to the 2010 World Muslim population statistic, the data shows that 69% of the world Muslim population is in Asia while 27% of it shows in Africa. (Kettani, 2010).³ This statistic also showed in a survey done by Mehtab S. Karim(2010) titled 'Mapping the Global Muslim Population: Size and Distribution of the World's Muslim Population'.⁴

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⁴ Karim, M. S. (2010). Mapping the Global Muslim Population: Size and Distribution of the World's Muslim Population. Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life Washington DC, USA.