

Karim Joel was born Semuyaga Karim in October, 1995. He added “Joel” and became known as Karim Joel at the age of 5, when an angel appeared to him in a dream and told him “from today, your other name is Joel”. This angel came as a messenger of God, following Karim Joel’s conversion from Muslim to Christianity. Raised in Uganda, Africa, Karim Joel is a Gospel musician, preacher, instrumentalist, and worship leader. His hobbies include playing music, reading, and shopping.

Karim Joel was raised alongside his three siblings by his loving widowed mother. Their home was near a church, which afforded him the opportunity to worship and join the other children singing in Sunday School. This became the beginning of his musical journey, and at the age of 5, shortly after his father’s passing, he gave his life to Jesus Christ!

Karim Joel’s talent was fostered as he sang with children’s choirs like Ushindi Africa Children’s Choir and Ebenezer Choir in Uganda. By the age of 11, he was proficient on most contemporary instruments, including drums, bass, keyboard, and acoustic guitar. His home church, the Bible Gospel Church, included him on the worship team as an instrumentalist, and he was occasionally invited to lead praise and worship during church services. Thus began his experience as a minister to others, both through words, and through music.

Working with bands like Peculiar Family and the Joel Houghton Band and with artists such as Sseku Martin has allowed Karim Joel’s talent to flourish. As a worship leader at Zion Saints Ministries, he has been privileged to work with international worship leaders such as Bishop Elijah Valley, the lead pastor of Lighthouse Christian Faith Centre in the UK.

Karim Joel was called to worship music by God when he was just a child. His relationship with our Lord is an intimate father/son relationship. He loves Jesus Christ because He found Karim Joel and transformed his life and family through music and worship!

With a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music from Makerere University, Karim Joel has written music for as long as he can remember. His new single, “I Worship You” was written during lockdown in the 2020 Corona Virus pandemic and is trending in Uganda, East, Central, West, and North Africa, and all over the world on social media. It ministers to everyone who hears it, which is Karim Joel’s wish and blessing for all!

Look for his album, which will include the hit single “I Worship You”, to be released sometime early in 2021. Visit his YouTube channel at Karim Joel, and join him on Facebook to connect, listen, and share God’s vision and love for us all: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/karimjoel>.

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