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**Vermont PBS to Rebroadcast**  
**“Congressman John Lewis and Andrew Aydin:**  
**The Story of March”**  
*A Graphic Novel About the Civil Rights Movement*

Winooski, VT – February 20, 2020 – In a stirring, one-night-only stage presentation in Burlington, VT, legendary civil rights icon Congressman John Lewis discussed *The Story of March*, the seminal graphic novel trilogy based on his life as a civil rights leader. On February 21<sup>st</sup>, the Congressman’s 80th birthday, Vermont PBS will rebroadcast the event.

The civil rights icon and congressman from Georgia and his March co-author, Andrew Aydin, enthralled a sold-out audience this past October at Burlington’s Flynn Center for the Performing Arts. Lewis shared his perspective of “good trouble” and his thoughts on how getting in the way can be an important part of affecting change. Lewis's graphic novel, *March: Book One*, was selected as the Vermont Humanities Council's Vermont Reads choice for 2019 and has been the recipient of numerous awards.

Lewis is the youngest and last survivor of the Big Six civil rights activists, a group once led by Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. In 1965, Lewis led hundreds of protesters across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama. He was at the head of the march when he was knocked to the ground and beaten by police in what became known as the Bloody Sunday march. The nationally televised images drew the country’s attention to the racial inequalities that he, King, and others were fighting. Lewis has been called the “conscience of the Congress,” and more recently, he has rallied to help reunite immigrant families separated by the Trump administration.

This special broadcast is scheduled to air on Friday, February 21 at 7:00 pm and again on Sunday, February 23 at 12:00 pm. It is available to stream [here](#).

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