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Get in the Way: Film Screening & Discussion
Tuesday, February 27, 2018
6:00-8:00pm
First Baptist Church (North Ripley Street), Montgomery, Alabama

Join the Freedom Rides Museum, a historic property operated by the Alabama Historical Commission, for an exciting opportunity to interact with history!

Screen an original documentary about the life of Representative John Lewis in Montgomery’s own historic First Baptist Church (North Ripley Street), and join a discussion afterward with fellow Freedom Rider and Civil Rights Activist Dr. Rip Patton.

This event is co-sponsored by First Baptist Church, the Friends of the Freedom Rides Museum, and the Black Heritage Council of the Alabama Historical Commission.

Fee: The event is FREE and open to the public but registration is encouraged. Please register at https://get-in-the-way-screening.eventbrite.com/

About the documentary:
"John Lewis: Get In The Way" traces Rep. Lewis’ life from an Alabama sharecropper’s son to a lifetime of Civil Rights agitation and advocacy, through to his current role as a U.S. Congressman. Directed by Kathleen Dowdey and presented by PBS, the documentary touches on Lewis’ student activism, relationship with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and involvement in the Freedom Rides, Selma to Montgomery Voting Rights March, and March on Washington.

About Dr. Rip Patton:
Dr. Patton joined the Freedom Riders after their brutal attack at Montgomery’s Greyhound Bus Station, and was arrested with Lewis and other Freedom Riders on May 24, 1961, in Jackson, MS. At the time, Patton was a 21-year-old Music student at Tennessee State University and an active member of the Nashville Student Movement. Patton devoted much of his young adulthood to fighting for Civil Rights, and is a cherished speaker and historic guide today.

For more information contact The Freedom Rides Museum at FreedomRidesMuseum@gmail.com or 334-414-8647.
Working with concerned citizens, The Alabama Historical Commission saved the Greyhound Bus Station from demolition in the mid-1990s. The Museum is located at the intersection of S. Court St. and Adams Avenue in downtown Montgomery. An award-winning exhibit on the building's exterior traces the Freedom Riders' history. It uses words and images of the Freedom Riders, those who supported them, and those who opposed them. Interior exhibits highlight additional information on the Freedom Riders and the way in which buildings were designed for racial segregation. Today, the Alabama Historical Commission operates this significant site.

Find the Freedom Rides Museum on Facebook or visit ahc.alabama.gov

About the Alabama Historical Commission
Located in historic downtown Montgomery at 468 S. Perry Street, the Alabama Historical Commission is the state historic preservation agency for Alabama. The agency was created by an act of the state legislature in 1966 with a mission to protect, preserve and interpret Alabama's historic places. AHC works to accomplish its mission through two fields of endeavor: Preservation and promotion of state-owned historic sites as public attractions; and, statewide programs to assist people, groups, towns, and cities with local preservation activities. For a complete list of programs and properties owned and operated by the AHC, hours of operation, and admission fees please visit ahc.alabama.gov

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