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# Walt Disney Presents "Selma, Lord, Selma"

Following the success of the Humanitas Award-winning movie "Ruby Bridges," "The Wonderful World of Disney" brings another galvanizing civil right story to life with "Selma, Lord, Selma." The two-hour movie is based upon two little girls' memories of the infamous and violent Bloody Sunday in Selma, Alabama during the tumultuous American civil rights movement of the 1960s. The dramatization, starring Mackenzie Astin ('The Long Island Incident'), Jurnee Smollett ("Eve's Bayou"), Clifton Powell ("Deep Rising") and Yolanda King ("Ghosts of Mississippi"), airson "The Wonderful World of Disney" on Sunday, January 17,7 PM(ET/PT) on ABC.

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Astin, Smollet and Powell along with Yolanda King, the daughter of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., star in this poignant drama based on the true story of the many freedom fighters who organized a black voter registration march amidst southern violence, hatred, racial prejudice and the ever-present threat of the Ku Klux Klan. Two African American schoolgirls, Sheyann Webb (Smollett) and Rachel West (Stephanie Peyton), are astonished when the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (Powell) arrives in their town with young seminary student Jonathan Daniels (Astin) to organize a series of black voter registration marches. The first sign of danger comes when a burning cross is placed in the front yard of the local black church and then again when marchers are arrested on their way to the voter registration office in Selma.

Despite her parents' concern for the danger involved, 11-year-old Sheyann felt it was necessary and important to participate in Dr.King's movement. She and her friend Rachel were two of the youngest participants in the march which brought about such an important change in America's way of life. Because of the many people who risked and lost their lives, the Voting Rights Act was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson, and the journey toward African-American freedom began.





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