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Representative Ann Roe is Kicking off Black History Month with Art from Janesville High School Students.

MADISON, Wis. — This February, Representative Roe (D-Janesville) is showcasing a painting from two Janesville high school students for Black History Month.

The painting titled: "Voices of Freedom" was created by seniors, Josie Thomsen and Ellie Klein, from Craig High School in Janesville, Wisconsin. This painting depicts John Lewis, a Civil Rights Movement leader inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and nonviolent resistance.

"Despite enduring violence, threats, and imprisonment, Lewis remained committed to love, people, and equality, encouraging us to make good trouble, necessary trouble in the fight for justice. His story reminds us that history is shaped by those who act with courage and conviction, proving that the impossible is not a wall but a door waiting to be opened. His legacy inspires future generations to continue the march toward justice and equality," according to the artists.

Also, Representative Ann Roe is hosting Janesville Art League pieces in her State Capitol office throughout the 2025-2026 session.

"We are fortunate to be surrounded by such spirit and talent. Janesville School District offers really terrific art classes for all of our students," said Rep. Roe.

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