

**Phillis Wheatley Poetry Festival 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convening  
November 1-4, 2023**

**Wednesday, November 1**

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Travel Day**

Registration (Westin Hotel)

7:00 p.m. until

Tonea Stewart, Vinie Burrows, Carole Gregory  
*Honoring the Original 1973 Participants* (Welcome Reception)

**Thursday, November 2**

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Jackson State University**

Registration (Westin Hotel and JSU Campus)

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Sonia Sanchez, Honorée Jeffers, Imani Perry  
*A Tribute to Phillis Wheatley* (Reading and Conversation)

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions I

12:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Angie Thomas and Paula Giddings  
*Banned Books* (Luncheon and Conversation)

2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Concurrent Readings I

4:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

Break

6:00 p.m. until

Nikole Hannah-Jones and Eve Ewing  
*From Africa to America* (Reception and Conversation)

**Friday, November 3**

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Jackson State University**

Registration (Hotel and campus)

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Jesmyn Ward and Charlayne Hunter-Gault  
*Our People* (Plenary Reading and Conversation)

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Concurrent Sessions II

12:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Alice Walker and Ebony Lumumba  
*Our Mothers' Gardens: A Womanist Legacy* (Luncheon and Conversation)

2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Concurrent Readings II

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Authors Alley

5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

Break

6:00 p.m. until

Shelly Lowe, Maryemma Graham, and Elizabeth Alexander  
*A Tribute to Margaret Walker* (Closing Reception and Conversation)

**Saturday, November 4**

**Travel Day**

