

FEBFEST 2023
SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 4th, 2023

- 8:30 Participants sign in
9:00 Welcome and Introductory remarks, Talitha Arnold & Bradley Ellingboe
9:15 Vocal warm up - Kathleen Wilson
9:30 Rehearsal 1 with André Thomas
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Rehearsal 2 (Dr. Thomas)
11:30 Session 1 - *Way Over in Beulah Lan'* - Understanding and Performing the Negro Spiritual (Dr. Thomas)
- 12:30 Lunch break. Also, book-signing with Dr. Thomas
- 1:30 Session 2 - two choices
Option: Dr. Kathleen Wilson on Lifelong Singing - "The Impact of Choral Singing on Physiological, Psychological and Emotional Wellbeing: Why and How to Sing as Long as Possible."
Option: Dr. Gabrielle Dietrich on "A Place to Belong: Trauma Informed Principles and the Choral Ensemble," including input and demonstrations from the *El Faro* Youth Chorus.
- 2:30 Break
- 2:45 Rehearsal 3 (Dr. Thomas)
4:00 Session 3 - "Timeless Truths: the Negro Spiritual and Its Relevance to Life in the 21st Century," Talitha Arnold and Bradley Ellingboe
5:00 Dismiss for day

Sunday, February 5th, 2023

- 9:00 Choir warm up to sing in church with Dr. Thomas (optional)
10:00 Church service (optional) at the United Church of Santa Fe, including music by André Thomas and a dialog sermon shared by Dr. Thomas and the Rev. Talitha Arnold
- 11:30 Lunch for those involved in church service festival choir
- 2:00 Warm up rehearsal at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis
3:00 FebFest Festival Choir Concert - proceeds to benefit Habitat for Humanity
4:00 End of Festival