



501 Hill Avenue Suite 207 / Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137-5910
Phone: 630.858.2471 / www.animasingers.org / sing@animasingers.org



Dear friends and colleagues,

It is a joy to warmly invite you to join me for **CHORAL ODYSSEY**: a choral festival in sunny Thessaloniki, Greece in late June of 2018, in partnership with Perform International. The second largest city in Greece, Thessaloniki is an upbeat, very walkable city with a rich history, set right on the Aegean Sea. To go to a cradle of western civilization, explore ancient sites, spend time on the sea, engage in humanitarian activities which give back to the Greek community, rehearse and perform together in magnificent venues.....what an honor it would be to include you and your fine choir!

The repertoire for this festival will focus on great historic material from America and from Greece: vibrant and touching folk songs and traditions from both cultures, accompanied by indigenous instruments and movement. Plans are underway for a rousing finale combining elements from both cultures. My own group, the Touring Ensemble from Anima – Glen Ellyn Children's Chorus (ages 12-18, treble and changed voices) will take part in this festival; we are eager to welcome both treble and mixed ensembles to join us on this fantastic adventure.

Optional extensions to Athens and selected Greek isles will be offered once the festival is complete. Please take a close look at the enclosed flyer and contact Zoe Franciscus (zfranciscus@perform-international.com) or Gene Peterson (gpeterson@perform-international.com) with any questions you might have. I've travelled with these fine folks before, as have many of you, and promise we will all be in great hands.

I hope you will consider this extraordinary opportunity and travel with us in June of 2018.

With warmest wishes for your own great season ahead,

Emily Ellsworth
Artistic Director
Anima
Glen Ellyn Children's Chorus