



Dear Choral Friends,

Greetings! We hope this letter finds you well and with greater normalcy of music making in your community. We're writing to you today to share the exciting news that together we're leading an amazing music program to Italy in the summer of 2023 and would be honored to have you and your choir join us. The festival program aims to celebrate the joy of global music as well as the artistic heritage of two of Italy's greatest and most well-known basilicas – the Papal Basilica of San Francesco di Assisi in Assisi and St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican.

We will share our music with an appreciative audience in a small town filled with rich culture, excellent food, history, and charm. Assisi is a community that has a long tradition of supporting the arts and true Italian hospitality can be experienced far more intently in the intimate setting of a smaller town like Assisi. We will also have the honor of performing during Mass at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

Please consider this exceptional opportunity for your choir to experience the history and culture of Italy, and travel with us in June 2023 to Assisi and Rome.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Anton Armstrong
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