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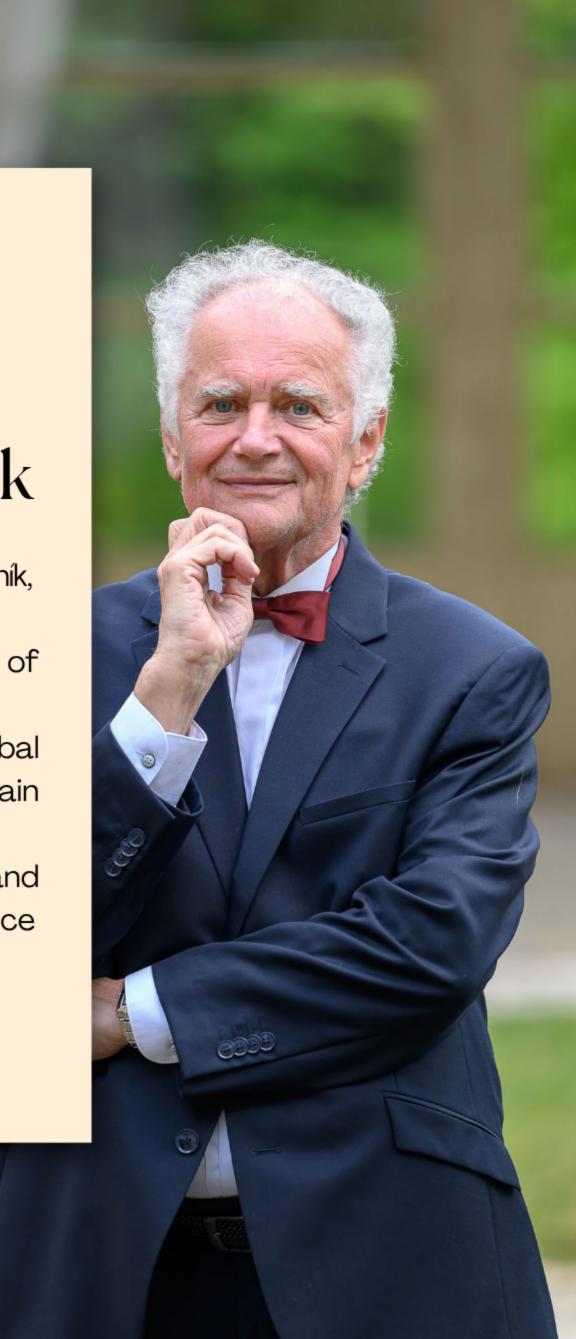
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He completed his conducting and cello studies at the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague. Shortly afterwards he won the most prestigious conducting competition in Europe, The International Besançon Competition. This success launched his career. He has been chief conductor and director of many professional orchestras and has made more than 70 recordings for Czech and foreign radio stations and music labels.

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