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Dear Dr Besser,

Thank you for your letter of 12th July asking me to become Patron of the Talich Festival in Beroun. I would be most honoured to take on this title. However, I must point out that I will not be able to attend any part of the Festival or take part in its workings. My time in the Czech Republic is always very limited and when I am there, I am always working with an orchestra in Prague without any free time. If you are prepared for me to take no part in the Festival, except to wish you all success, I am prepared to become Patron of the Festival. But if, on the other hand, you find that you would rather ask someone who will take a more active part in the Festival, then I would quite understand.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



Sir Charles Mackerras

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Dear Sir Charles Macckeras,

I was very happy to receive your letter. It will be great honour for us all when you become Patron of the Talich Festival. Of course we are prepared for you not to take part in the Festival. We realize your are very busy and your time ist very rare. This title will be only honorary. Perhaps sometime we will have opportunity to meet on this occasion. My colleague who is responsible for *Talich Festival* will *inform you about this event and its course.*

Thank you once more very much for your comprehension and your helpfulness.

With the best wishes,

Your sincerely

MUDr. Jiří Besser  
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