

PAVEL MATERNA

## CONGRATULATIONS

Dear Jaroslav,

I remember the good times when we had opportunity to frequently meet, play chess and even philosophically meditate.

Another point where we joyfully met was music. I thankfully state that you called my attention to the ‘great’ Hanslick. It does not matter that I began to hate him as soon as I read his critique of Dvořák’s *Stabat mater* – at that moment I appreciated that Wagner’s Beckmesser had to embody just Hanslick...

But *letzten Endes* both me and you love the great Richard, don’t we?

Mein lieber Freund, sei glücklich und bleib schöpferisch in den kommenden Jahren. Ich kann bezeugen, dass die Jahre nach 70 wirklich interessant sein können.

Dein alter Freund

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