

Petr Ries, a double bass player, graduated from P.J.Vejvanovsky Conservatory in Kroměříž. During his studies at the conservatory he also studied conducting and composition. In the year 2003/2004 he participated in a study stay at the Conservatoire National Supérieur de Musique et de Dance in Paris in the class of Professor Jean-Paul Celea. He completed his studies at the Music Faculty of the Academy of Music, Drama and Fine Arts in Prague, where he studied under the guidance of Professor Jiří Hudec.

He has won prizes in competitions, e.g. Competition of Conservatories Teplice (1996 1<sup>st</sup> prize), F.Gregora International Competition Kroměříž (1997 1<sup>st</sup> prize), the Moravian Autumn International Competition (1998 2<sup>nd</sup> prize), Internationale Musikwettbewerb Markneukirchen (1999 7<sup>th</sup> prize), Internationale J.M. Sperger Musikwettbewerb Michaelstein (2002 2<sup>nd</sup> prize), the Moravian Autumn International Competition (2003 2<sup>nd</sup> prize) and in the Talent of the Year 2002 Competition Prague, where he played Sergei Koussevitzky's Concerto in F minor, together with the Czech Radio Symphony Orchestra. It was broadcast live by the Czech Radio.

In 2003, he gained a post in the Symphony Orchestra of the Czech Radio in an open audition. Half a year later, he gained the post of Co-Principal double bass player in the Czech Philharmonic.

Petr Ries also performs as a soloist. He gives solo recitals regularly. He has been accompanied by several Czech and foreign orchestras. As a chamber performer, he has cooperated with the Baborak Ensemble, the Pavel Haas Quartet, the Bennewitz Quartet, the Zemlinsky Quartet, the Martinů Quartet, the Kocián Quartet, the Belfiatio Quintet, the PhilHarmonia Octet, etc.

He is currently a member of the Prague Chamber Soloist and the Haydn ensemble Prague.

He has been a lecturer at the Masterclass in Litomyšl since 2003 and at the Summer Academy in Kroměříž since 2021. He was the professor at the International Conservatory of Music in Prague from 2009 to 2015.