

# **Ludwig van Beethoven**

# Birthplace

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Ludwig van Beethoven - the greatest German composer, pianist, conductor. He was born in December, 1770 in Bonn in a musical family.



# Musical childhood

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- Since his childhood, he began to learn to play the organ, harpsichord, violin and flute.
- His first musical teacher was Nafe.



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After his mother's death in 1787 he assumed the financial responsibilities of the family. Ludwig Beethoven started playing in an orchestra to earn money.



# First fame

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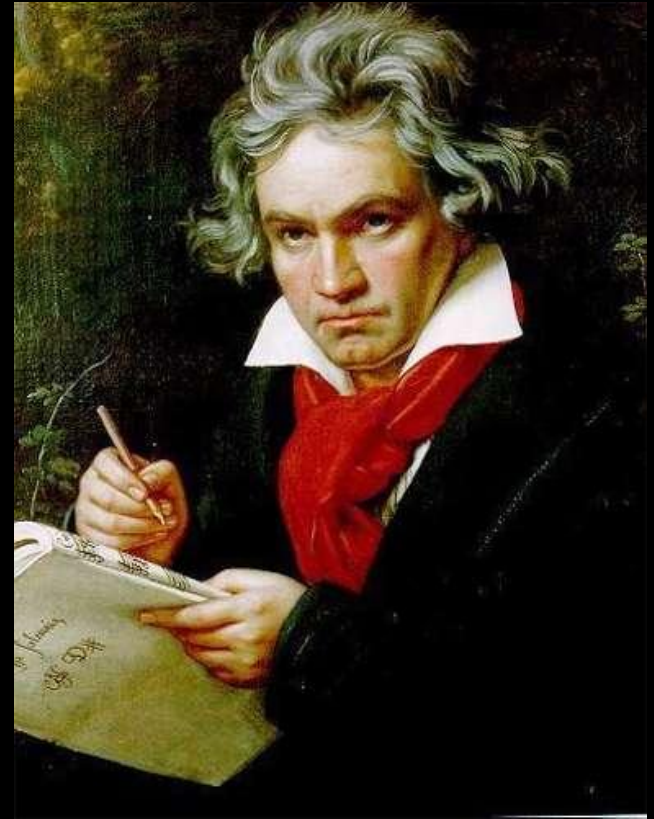
When he met Haydn in Bonn, Beethoven decided to take lessons from him, he moved to Vienna. Haydn said that Beethoven's music was dark and strange. However, in those years, his excellent playing on the piano brought him his first fame.



# The peak of his career

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From 1802 to 1812 Beethoven wrote his sonatas, with a special desire and zeal. Then he created a whole series of works for piano and cello, the famous Ninth Symphony, Solemn Mass. Composer's popularity was very high. Even the government, despite of his candid thoughts, did not dare to limit the musician.



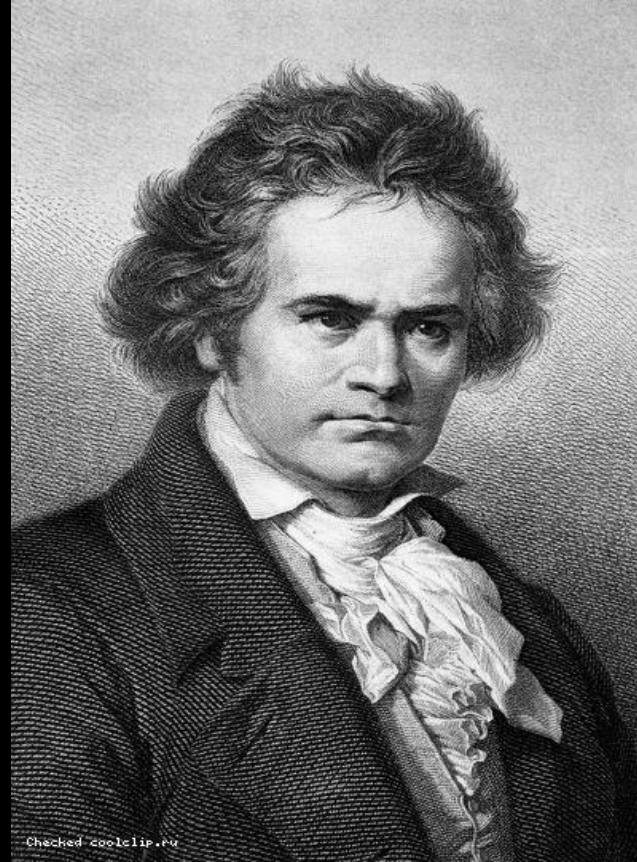
# His works

- **9 symphonies: № 1 (1799-1800), № 2 (1803), № 3, "Eroica» (1803-1804), № 4 (1806), № 5 (1804-1808), № 6 "Pastoral" (1808) , № 7 (1812), № 8 (1812), № 9 (1824)**
- **11 symphonic overtures**
- **5 concerts for piano and orchestra**
- **6 youth sonatas for piano**
- **32 sonatas for piano, 32 variations and 60 pieces for piano**
- **10 sonatas for violin and piano**
- **Concerto for Violin and Orchestra, Concerto for Piano, Violin and Cello and Orchestra ("Triple Concerto")**
- **5 sonatas for cello and piano**
- **16 string quartets**
- **6 trio**
- **Ballet "The Creation of Prometheus"**
- **Opera "Fidelio"**
- **Solemn Mass**
- **Song cycle "to a distant lover"**
- ~~**Songs on poems by different poets, and folk songs**~~

# Death

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- March 26, 1827 at the age of 57 Beethoven died.
- It is unknown, but U.S. researchers, examining hair and skull fragments of Ludwig van Beethoven, came to the conclusion that the great German composer, probably died of a long lead poisoning.





# Monument in Prague

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# Memorial Plaque in Vienna

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# Monument in Bonn

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