



- Born in Bonn, Germany.
- Father was his first piano teacher
- Started earning money as an organist at the age of 14 to support his family.
- Moved to Vienna at age 22, and people loved hearing him play piano in concerts and hearing his compositions.
- One of the first composers to make a career out of music without being employed by nobility or a church.
- Started to have problems with his hearing when he was in his mid-20s. By his early 30s he was painfully aware of his hearing loss. By his mid-40s he was completely deaf.
- Tried many "hearing aids " that looked like horns that go in your ear.
- Continued to compose even after he went deaf.
- In total, he composed 9 symphonies, 5 concertos for piano, 32 piano sonatas, 16 string quartets, and several other pieces of chamber and choral music.

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