

### **Beethoven's life**

Beethoven is a famous German composer despite his deafness, and he persevered in producing a true 'symphony of destiny'.

Beethoven had a depressing childhood. He grew up in a humble family in the German city of Bonn. His father locked him up in a room with a piano and fiddle but no toys when he was only four years old. Beethoven's every transgression was met with a barrage of invective and blows. Neighbours frequently heard the youngster weeping himself to sleep because he was exhausted and in agony.

As a result, Beethoven's upbringing was defined by a tremendous shadow. He was named official organist at the court at the age of 14 and climbed through the ranks thanks to his musical ability.

Beethoven experienced a terrible illness at the age of 39, in the height of his career that had already ravaged his joints and eventually devastated his body. Deafness can be particularly unpleasant to a music lover. Beethoven experienced grief, insecurity and sorrow in his life. But in the end, his passion for art and for life triumphed over his own grief, despair and suffering. He became a source of creative inspiration. Although he could not hear the music, he bit a stick in his mouth to feel the sound vibrations. At that time, he started working on his 'Heroic Symphony' which he hoped would be uplifting. As a result of this, he earned the moniker 'Saint of Music'.

'I want to hold fate by the throat, it will not get to you.' Beethoven remarked. He utilized his strength to construct a life of greatness despite tragedy and grief. Fate never stood in his way.