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A Feeling for Music

The music of the German composer Ludwig van Beethoven has given happiness to generations of listeners. However, as is well known, Beethoven began to lose his own hearing in his late 20s. By the time he was 44, he was deaf and could hear hardly any sounds at all. (21), he did not stop writing music, and some of his most famous works were composed after he had lost his hearing.

To celebrate the 250th anniversary of Beethoven's birth, Mate Hamori, the conductor of an orchestra from Hungary, held some special concerts. He invited groups of deaf people to come and enjoy Beethoven's music. In order to "hear" the music, some of the audience members sat next to the musicians and placed their hands on the instruments. By doing this, the deaf people could feel the vibrations made by the instruments as they were being played. Other audience members held balloons which allowed them to feel the music's vibrations in the air. They were able to use (22) to experience the music.

The concerts were a success. Zsuzsanna Foldi, a 67-year-old woman who had been deaf since she was a baby, cried with joy when she was able to "hear" Beethoven's Fifth Symphony in this way. Although Hamori's idea was unusual, it was not his own. As Beethoven was becoming deaf, he used a piano when writing music. He discovered that the instrument allowed him to feel his music through his fingers. Hamori took Beethoven's idea and used it so that people who (23) could enjoy the composer's music.

段落1 : **composer**(作曲家)、**deaf**(耳が聞こえない)、**works**(作品)

段落2 : **conductor**(指揮者(しきしゃ))、**vibration**(振動)、

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