Piano & Keyboard

SONATA IN C# MINOR Opus 27 No 2/
"MOONLIGHT" SONATA by BEETHOVEN

- Beethoven wrote 32 piano sonatas
- A piano sonata is a solo piece for piano
- The word sonata comes from the Latin word sonare which means 'to sound'.
- A sonata is a piece of music sounded by instrument(s) as opposed to a cantata from the Latin word cantare which it a piece of music that is sung.
- Traditionally the 1st movement would be in **sonata form** and overall the sonata would be made up of 3 or 4 movements or sections.
- Beethoven completed the sonata in 1801 and it was published under the name "Sonata quasi una Fantasia"
- It was nicknamed the "Moonlight" sonata after Beethoven's death by a German music critic called Ludwig Rellstab, as the music reminded him of the moon setting over Lake Lucerne.