



Today in History

May 7, 1824

▲ **Beethoven stood alongside the conductor at the premiere of his Ninth Symphony. Now totally deaf, he did not hear the applause until he was turned to witness it**

1973: Reporters Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward won the Pulitzer Prize for exposing the Watergate scandal

1998: German car giant Daimler-Benz and U.S. manufacturer Chrysler agreed a \$40bn merger deal

2000: Vladimir Putin, the former KGB officer virtually unknown a year earlier, was sworn in as president of Russia

2003: The U.S. asked the IAEA to declare Iran to be in violation of the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty