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THE IDEA

The documentary film titled “The return of Beethoven” is a record of the biggest, pioneering on a global scale, contemporary, achievements of the Polish science and medicine in diagnostics, treatment and rehabilitation of different impairments of sensory organs, such as total and partial deafness. The film tells a story based on the real people’s lives and problems – the heroes who were born hard of hearing, profoundly deaf or lost their hearing later in life. With the use of the modern scientific and medical solutions, mostly in the area of surgery and clinical engineering, supported by other related specialities, the protagonists of the story were provided tools and all necessary assistance to develop communication skills and their artistic passions. It was possible due to the application of various auditory implants to treat their hearing impairments. Thus enabling them to escape from the world of silence, develop hearing and speech, master other languages and musical skills and talents. Their life journey and positive and comprehensive development (mostly in the field of music) stay

in contrast to the drama of progressive hearing loss of the outstanding artist and composer, the author of the Symphony no. 9 famous for its “Ode to Joy” a piece that became the anthem of the European Union.

Modern achievements of science and medicine presented in the real people’s life stories indicate that concepts and efficient therapy solutions, new original programs in science and medicine coming from Poland may change human life. The life that symbolically refers to Ludwig van Beethoven and his return on his 250 birthday anniversary. The impressive domestic, European and global success was achieved by professor Henryk Skarżyński and his team at the biggest scientific and medical unit – the World Hearing Center.

The script is based on life stories of the patients of different age and with varying types of hearing loss. Currently, hearing problems concern around 1 billion people in every corner of the world, including 460 million people with significant impairments. They affect all age groups from infants to the elderly and all social groups. Development of modern societies depends much on everyday communication based on hearing and language skills. Hearing loss from birth and deafness acquired later in life involves suffering, pain, social isolation of the hearing impaired person, family, and community. The incredible success of the operated hearing impaired and profoundly deaf children and adults is an excellent example of using science and medicine innovations to support and assist millions of people in need.