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(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3oZaCrkCxu8>)

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Rex, a mother for an autistic child and the music that transformed their lives

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With the mother being pregnant with Rex and finding out some of the things that were wrong

3. What problems did the baby have?

He was blind, he had an enormous brain (hydrocephalia)

4. Why couldn't the school keep him?

He wasn't walking and he couldn't speak (He was non-verbal). Also the school probably didn't have enough staff.

5. What made him so sensitive to sound and touch?

He had autism

6. What other thing has he learned to do in addition to playing amazingly?

Take a song and mix it up / improvise in many other different styles

7. In what other style did he play Beethoven's song? What does Rex say about choosing this style?

He played the song like a Tango / He says it's sneaky

8. So, what is a savant?

A person with mental disabilities but who, in some area, displays abilities greater than they would be considered normal.