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Interesting Interviews Ep. 1: Gonzaga Symphony Orchestra director Kevin Hekmatpanah

Kevin Hekmatpanah has been the director of the Gonzaga Symphony Orchestra and a professor of music at GU for 26 years. Today we sat down to chat with Hekmatpanah about his journey to GU and the adversity he faced on his way to having a successful career in classical music.

**Introduction:**

*Nick:* Welcome to the Interesting Interview podcast with Riley Utley and myself, Nick Tomoyasu. Today we sat down with Kevin Hekmatpanah the director of the Gonzaga Symphony Orchestra and professor of music.

*Riley:* Kevin grew up in Chicago surrounded by classical music and playing the cello. He went onto have a career in classical music and now he's been at Gonzaga for 26 years. We hope you enjoy this conversation. We definitely did.

**Questions:**

- How did you get into classical music? What are the SparkNotes that got you to this point?
- Prior to all this can you give us some background on where you grew up?
- Did you have a mentor or someone you looked up to in the industry?
- Why have you decided to stay at Gonzaga for 20 plus years?

**Conclusion:** We hope you enjoyed this Interesting Interview with Kevin. Tune in next week for another episode of the Interesting Interview Podcast with Riley and Nick. Catch you later.