

'Sopranos' Exclusive: Cast members reveal how they would end series

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Gandolfini: '[I would have Tony] whacked and fed to the ducks.' Bracco: 'Dr. Melfi deserves a hot boyfriend.'

In an exclusive interview with DISH Entertainment Magazine, 10 main cast members of HBO's *The Sopranos* tell how they would end the series, which is coming to a close after a six-year run. The final nine episodes begin airing in April.

James Gandolfini (Tony Soprano), Edie Falco (Carmela Soprano), Michael Imperioli (Christopher Moltisanti), Lorraine Bracco (Dr. Jennifer Melfi), Steve Van Zandt (Silvio Dante), Tony Sirico (Paulie "Walnuts" Gualtieri), Robert Iler (Anthony "A.J. Soprano Jr.), Jamie-Lynn Sigler (Meadow Soprano), Steve Schirripa (Bobby "Bacala" Baccalieri) and Dominic Chianese (Corrado "Junior" Soprano) were each asked how they would write the final episode, as well as which was their favorite episode and what was their fondest on-set memory.

In the interview, appearing in the April issue of DISH Entertainment Magazine, several cast members refer to "Pine Barrens" (Season 3) as among their favorite episodes and fondest memories. "The wardrobe ladies continually picked me up out of the snow when I fell," says Sirico. "It was cold and the girls helped me warm up."

Iler and Sigler also offer insights about growing up on one of the most popular shows in TV history. "I remember feeling like I didn't really know what I was doing," says Sigler. "I would memorize my lines and hope magic would happen -- and it did." Adds Iler, "The pilot [episode is my favorite] because it reminds me of when I was 12 years old and I met all of these great people."

Highlights for other cast members include Bracco's recollection of Gandolfini mooning her, the fact that Falco would like to never have to cook again following the series, Gandolfini being amused by Imperioli's inability to drive a car and Chianese suggesting Uncle Junior should join a Buddhist monastery at series' end.

Now that the series is officially over, Van Zandt jokes that he will never be able to get another reservation in a sold-out Italian restaurant, while Schirripa retorts that he would never "appear on The Surreal Life or Celebrity Fit Club, or sell merchandise out of the back of my car."

The complete exclusive interview with cast members of The Sopranos appears in the April 2007 issue of DISH Entertainment Magazine.

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