

'Assassination of Gianni Versace' Wins Best Limited Series Emmy Award 2018

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FX's *The Assassination of Gianni Versace: American Crime Story* took home [the Emmy](#) for best limited series Monday night.

The show edged out fellow nominees TNT's *The Alienist*, National Geographic's *Genius: Picasso*, Netflix's *Godless* and Showtime's *Patrick Melrose* for the honor.

Upon accepting the award on behalf of the show, executive producer Ryan Murphy said, "The show is about a lot of things. It's about homophobia internalized and externalized, it's about a country that allows hatred to grow unfettered and unchecked."

He added that he wanted to dedicate the award to victims of hate crimes within the LGBTQ community and to "awareness and to stricter hate crime laws."

Murphy previously won earlier in the evening for directing the show's episode "The Man Who Would Be Vogue."

The true crime anthology, which stars Darren Criss, Edgar Ramirez, Penelope Cruz and Ricky Martin, explores the murder of the designer, which was part of a killing spree of murderer Andrew Cunanan. Criss won an Emmy earlier in the night for his portrayal of Cunanan.

Speaking backstage, Murphy expanded on his acceptance speech. "I'm always happy to make a political statement in everything that I do," he said. "The statistic that I said [that one out of four LGBTQ people will be the victim of a hate crime]...is true and heinous, and as a gay man who was told when I started off in the business that I could not even write in 1998 a gay character, the idea that now, 20 years later, I get to tell the story and proselytize for my community is important to me."

The 70th annual Primetime Emmy Awards aired live on NBC from the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles. *Saturday Night Live*'s Michael Che and Colin Jost hosted the show.



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