

TV News: ‘Goodfellas’ TV Series Picked Up By AMC

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CHICAGO – Big news in the TV world, and it is definitely not funny like a clown. Martin Scorsese’s classic 1990 film “Goodfellas” is officially being turned into a television series. Rumored for the better part of two years, the possibility for the series gained serious momentum about a year ago when Scorsese came on as a producer, joining the film’s original producer, Irwin Winkler, and the original writer, Nicholas Pileggi.

Now, after searching for a home for the show for quite some time, “Goodfellas” has officially been picked up by some little basic cable network called AMC, which currently boasts “Mad Men,” “Breaking Bad,” “Hell on Wheels,” and “The Walking Dead” on their active series list. The show is now in development for the network with Jorge Zamacona joining the writing team and Warner Bros. and David Winkler coming on as producers.

The show had been pitched a few years back to HBO, and rumors had been that the show would follow the life of Henry Hill during his time in witness protection, making the TV series a sequel to the film.

The classic Scorsese gangster film starred Ray Liotta, Robert De Niro, and Joe Pesci and was nominated for Best Picture in 1991. Pesci won Best Supporting Actor that year at the Oscars for his portrayal of Tommy. The film has been influential on many films and filmmakers since its release and it is currently listed as the number sixteen film of all-time in the IMDb users Top 250. With all of that popularity, AMC may have just scored a slam dunk and added another hit to their already packed series list.



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