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Ugly Betty Stars on Their Show's Legacy

By Kayleigh Roberts February 16, 2010 02:35 PM EST

The doors may be closing on *Mode Magazine*, but *Ugly Betty's* mark will live on, says the show's stars. The cast discussed the series' end at a Joonbug.com Fashion Week event on February 13, saying *Betty's* impact on television will prove more than just a fad.

"It sounds so corny, but there is sort of a message that comes along with *Betty* that hasn't been on TV in a while," [Ana Ortiz](#) (Hilda) says. "It's really uplifting and [about] rooting for the underdog, but also tackling social issues. We tackled health care, we tackled single motherhood, so I think there's a long legacy with *Betty*."

Costar [Tony Plana](#), who plays *Betty's* father Ignacio, says the titular character has had an "iconoclastic" impact on television thanks to the series' comment on feminine and ethnic issues. "In terms of content, and in terms of social and cultural impact, I don't think there's ever been a series like it, maybe since *All in the Family*," he says.

For [Vanessa Williams](#) (Wilhemina) the show's legacy is in its celebration of uniqueness, and that's why she thinks it should continue. "We're not ready to pack it in, and we think it's premature," she says of the cancellation. "We know there are a lot of people who love our show and want to see it continue. We were unique, that's why unique people liked us. That's why it was refreshing. There's gonna be a vacuum in television programming."

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I'm going to miss Ugly Betty so much. I wish that we could have gotten at least one more season. I'm glad that at the time of cancellation the writers still had four unwritten episodes in which to create some closure for some of the characters. I can't wait to see how the ending unfolds.

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They are so right. There is and never will be a show like Ugly Betty.

Alas, all good things come to an end but hey, we got 4 years of the best show I have ever watched.

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