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John Legend and Daphne Valerius chat at Mantra during a party for her documentary "The Souls of Black Girls."

Film gets support from a Legend

Ladykiller John Legend was at Mantra the other night in support of "The Souls of Black Girls," a provocative new documentary by Daphne Valerius. (Legend swung by the restaurant after his show at the Roxy.) "I've known John since before he won a Grammy," Valerius told us. "He's been a constant supporter of ours, and we are of him." The film, which Valerius made while at Emerson, deconstructs the media and includes interviews with rapper Chuck D, journalist Gwen Ifill, actresses Regina King and Jada Pinkett Smith, and cultural critic Michaela Angela Davis.