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Dwyane Wade a movie fan?

The vodka was flowing like the rain of late Friday night when actress **Sanaa Lathan** (*Love & Basketball*, *Nip/Tuck*) joined HBO and Belvedere to host a posh dinner for the **American Black Film Festival**, which wrapped the following day.

The three-courser — featuring Asia de Cuba bites such as tuna tartare picadillo, calamari salad and char sui (barbecued) beef short ribs — was held in a private VIP suite at the Mondrian Hotel in Miami Beach.

Jovial Belvedere ambassador **Bevy Smith** worked the dimly lit room, making sure guests like **Eriq LaSalle** (*ER*), **Wendell Pierce** (*The Wire*) and **Rockmond Dunbar** (*Prison Break*) always had a full drink in their hands.

Things must be heating up between **Gabrielle Union** (in a new set of bangs) and her date to the dinner, **Dwyane Wade**. Looking a little uncomfortable, the Heat star asked that the duo not be photographed together,

which is always a good sign.

While Wade hung out on the outdoor terrace, Union stayed inside, deep in conversation with **Lee Daniels**, who won an Oscar for producing 2001's *Monster's Ball*. Could the *Bad Boys II* star be getting serious about her craft?

Daniels' next movie as director is *Precious*, about an illiterate pregnant teen who is given a chance at a new life. Out Nov. 6, the movie is produced by **Oprah Winfrey** and **Tyler Perry** and stars **Lenny Kravitz**, **Mo'Nique** and **Mariah Carey** (it's got to be better than *Glitter*).

Daniels was enjoying the festival and hanging out in Miami.

"I'm in between movies, so I'm happy and relaxed," he said, "It was like, I ain't doing nothing, why not come and check it out and support

[the ABFF]."

So no business, all pleasure?

"I'm just looking for my next gig," he said.

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