

John Legend

What is Up Daddy Gang It is your founding father Alex Cooper with John Legend Welcome to call her daddy I'm so happy to have you here First of all congrats on becoming a new dad again just a few weeks ago Thank you Number three is here Oh my God how are you doing Yeah we're good I mean I didn't actually have to carry the child So it's a little easier for me easy for me to say good But uh Chrissy is doing pretty well Uh It's a recovery process but how has the legend and household changed since welcoming baby Honestly More love more joy It's like more energy Uh It's been really good Our older kids are so good with SD and they love like feeding her holding her kissing her and we wondered if they were going to be more jealous or anything And no they've been really good and they were actually jealous before Like when we when Chrissy was pregnant we were like oh no they're gonna be terrible because they you could tell they were like jockeying for position jockeying for love a little bit And then uh when he's born they're fine That's good to know because I do remember my mom sharing with me saying when I came home my sister said what does that send it back You never fucking know how it's gonna you never know And I had friends that told me that too And so we were worried but they've been good so far Ok So I think it's fun to like get to know you a little bit better You're from Ohio Springfield Ohio And when I'm looking at your life it's so interesting because I'm like you're really fucking smart Obviously you had a very kind of untraditional like upbringing when it comes to school you were skipping school not skipping school you were skipping grades I was home schooled and then I skipped grades So and and you kind of moved around schools right Yeah I graduated high school when I was 16 and I only went to public school from eighth through twelveth grade And before that I was mostly home schooled and then I was at a private school for a couple of years in that time period too How do you think having a pretty non traditional schooling experience like affected you as a kid Well I think one I benefited from being the second kid and I had a older brother who was two years older than me And so because I was so precocious and because my parents were so into education um I would just hang out with my older brother and learn the stuff he was learning And so I ended up kind of catching up with him because I was so into learning I was into reading I would like uh just read the World Book encyclopedia for fun I was like that kind of kid I was just very nerdy very precocious wanted to soak up everything We'd go to the library and I

would want to read about like Martin Luther King and uh civil rights heroes and not just the normal kid shit that kids would read And so um I was always kind of like that and then having an older brother made me just want to learn everything he was learning And so that's even why I started taking piano lessons because he was taking piano lessons and he didn't really want to do it and he wanted to go to drum lessons and I was like I want to take piano lessons I'll take them And so I started piano when I was four because of that I feel like you because you're obviously so bright you kind of could have done anything I'm sure like I was a management consultant for three years I get out of college I went to Penn and I graduate and most of my friends are like doing finance jobs consulting jobs I took a job as a management consultant for three years I worked at a place called Boston Consulting Group And I was still trying to get a record deal during that time I had already played on uh Lauren Hill's Miseducation album in 98 when I was still in school And then when I graduated I had started working with some of the producers I met um through Lauren Hill and some other producers around Philly Uh but I needed a day job and uh kind of the inertia of being in that uh pin atmosphere kind of made me like well maybe I should apply for the same jobs my friends are applying for And so I applied to be a management consultant and got the job OK we're rewinding first So you because I'm thinking about you young saying at four years old you're like I'm starting to play piano Was there a moment or like a significant moment in your life that you were like music is my thing Yeah Well it started mostly in church because I grew up going to a Pentecostal church My grandmother was the church organist and my mom directed the choir So I would be in church going to choir rehearsal watching my family up there leading the music of the service And so I just wanted to be a part of it And so when I would go to choir rehearsal I would just beg my mom hey I want to sing too And they were like you have to wait till you're a little older So by the time I was seven I started singing in the church choir And then eventually eventually I would start getting solos and I loved it I loved being in front of the audience I love that energy that I felt the the love that I felt the like encouragement that I felt when I was up there And then I would do it at school plays I would do it at local talent shows and I loved it I also am curious like obviously your circumstances are so different than probably how you were raised So a little a little I never even was on an airplane until I was 16 Uh when I visited Penn was the first time I got on a Yeah And now my kids you know they go all around the world with with us and you know

obviously like so much more privileged so much so much more of everything My dad was a factory worker My mom stayed at home and uh took care of us and you know we didn't know we were struggling but you know you like we didn't have much money we had what we needed but we didn't have much beyond that And uh my dad would get laid off because you know the ups and downs of the economy and the manufacturing economy We felt that all the time in Ohio And uh yeah it was a very different life You don't want your kids to be assholes and I'm I'm like you know they're growing up with so much and they'll they'll probably come to expect so much um that we just never even knew to expect And you you want them to still have some appreciation and again good character and and be generous and be grateful and and be you know just good human beings and I feel like it might be harder to pull that off given their life circumstances Yeah No pressure the world's watching No pressure no fucking pressure So before you I because I think it's really interesting you went to Penn I'm from Pennsylvania I'm from Newtown So I'm from more of like the suburbs But my dad works in Philly and like my brother was living in Philly So like very Philly oriented It was a great place for me to be during that time in my life So I get there when I'm 16 and during this time period this is when Black Lily was happening which was uh uh what the roots and their whole like uh crew uh were doing they were doing these open mic nights and they'd have like jaguar right there And Joe Scott and uh and the jazzy fat nasties and and all these uh neo soul uh acts coming through they'd have um common coming through I already said common coming through D Angelo coming through So all of this was happening right when I was there at school and then right after I graduated and so just being in that ecosystem was very good for a musician at that time because it was like so much was happening so many people to collaborate with and so much inspiration and motivation because you're just around other really talented musicians And it it really like inspired me and pushed me to want to pursue my career It's incredible I love you just casually like so I went to college at 16 years old Like what the hell what was it like I'm sure you were younger than a lot of people in college Like what was your experience Like socially and dating wise I was it was not good I was like younger I was kind of a country bumpkin like compared to most of the kids there they're like east coast either grew up in the city or in suburbs And then I'm from a small town in Ohio manufacturing town Um I didn't have that much money Um Black which makes you a minority too So it's like there's like all these reasons why you're a little bit of an outsider and then you're two

years younger than everybody on top of all that No I was not getting girls I was not uh uh doing very well in the dating scene I was just you know I was just this nerdy kid whose one thing was that I could really sing and play And so that was the thing that made me kind of connect to other people Yeah Yeah Ok You said you weren't getting girls But I did read that in high school You were prom King How not how but what I did find in high school but then when I got to college it was almost like a reset and nobody knew me I had no like I had no game Like I was just no I wouldn't have been prom king in college by the time I graduated from from Penn though um People knew me as the guy who sang with the a cappella group counterparts and and the guy who played on Lauren Hill's album And so I was starting to you know really connect with people through music But when I got there I was just like this shy Ohio kid small town kid Like no and no game Did you have anything traditional about your college experience Like were you going to frat parties I went to frat parties Yeah Yeah I went to frat parties I had cool roommates They were all everyone was older But I lied about my age when I first got there So I would say that I was I think I when I got there I was 16 but I would say I was 17 which is minor lie But it was like it made me less of like a curiosity like what the fuck you're 17 does sound like a little bit Yeah It's like it's like almost normal Yeah And and uh my roommate actually my freshman year roommate uh he lives in Boston but he came to L A recently and he came by and met my family and he said yeah I didn't even know your dad was so young when he got there because he lied to He's a liar You're like you wouldn't have been fucking friends with me had left you So I feel like a lot of people that you've known in your life are probably not surprised you are where you are Yeah Well I had a couple of friends we were laughing about it and they became friends with me when I was still a management consultant in New York So I graduated from Penn I'm in Boston for one year but then I moved to New York and I lived in New York most of my adult life after that But so when we were in New York I I you know had some other friends most of them worked in the corporate world and one time I told them yeah I'm gonna um get a record deal hopefully soon And I see like people like Justin Timberlake and R Kelly as my competition and and my friend looked at me like who the fuck are you Like where did this big ego come from This comment Where do you think you got that confidence I feel like any artist that you see who succeeded in our business has a bit of like audacity Um it's almost irrational but it's like you have to believe that you have something special to offer And we believed it like me Kanye like our

crew we believed we were making something that was special and interesting and deserve to be heard And so yeah I believed I had something to offer and I feel like you need to believe that for it to work When did you meet Kanye It was 2001 So my um one of my roommates from college um was a roommate in New York as well and he's Kanye's cousin So uh Kanye had just started um working with Rockefeller but he still was based in Chicago And then eventually he was getting so much work with Rockefeller with Jay with uh Beanie all those guys that were coming out uh on Rockefeller at that time um that they moved him out to uh New York He actually lived in Newark but you know right outside of New York So he lived in Newark had an apartment there and my roommate is like uh yeah my cousin's moving out here He just started working with you know Rockefeller you guys should meet you should work together And he invited him to one of my shows that was up in Harlem And so during this time I'm working as a consultant during the day playing shows around New York at night and you know writing songs and doing whatever And so um Kanye comes to the show we meet and a few months later we started working together I would go to his apartment in Newark He had a little studio set up in there and we would work on tracks And uh he was working on the earliest beginnings of what became the college dropout And then I was working on what eventually became get lifted My debut album both of those albums came out in 2004 So 2001 234 we're trying to get record deals We're trying to uh he's producing for other artists and including me on some of those tracks too And then I finally got signed in May of 2004 That's so cool that you have people obviously in the industry that you met before you were like fucking huge because I'm sure it can be also kind of an isolating career of like you are on this track that probably is not exactly relatable to that many people Like was your family it's interesting to hear your family was obviously in music in some capacity but was your family like have you lost your mind or were they always thinking like you're gonna be successful You got this Um I don't know if they really knew that all of this was going to work out because I mean we all know people who can sing We all know like in church you grow up and like everybody like it feels like everybody can sing everybody's talented Um And um if you grew up in a black church with so much music around you like it's not abnormal that you are around people who can really sing and really play And so I don't know that they just knew that I was going to be the one that break broke through I had another older cousin who we all thought could sing better than me you know So it wasn't like guaranteed um that you know

I would go from being oh he's a talented singer to oh he's going to be making music that the whole world is going to listen to Yeah So kind of wrapping up your college experience I think it's interesting that you said you know you were younger you maybe didn't fit in But then people figured out like oh the guy can sing like he's pretty cool Do you have any advice for someone in a situation right now Maybe they're in college getting out of it College that feels like they don't fit in They're trying to figure out their path but everyone's looking at them sideways of like what the fuck are you doing Like what's your advice Well I mean my experience just shows me that if you really focus on the thing that you really love and the thing that you're really good at Um and you get better at it Um because I think you have you you can have some innate talent you can have some upbringing that kind of pushes you in a certain direction But I think you only get better and like world you know world class better if you really spend a lot of time on it and really focus on it So focus on that thing and you might not be socially that connected yet But if you focus on that thing it's going to open doors for you and and you'll find your tribe you'll find the people that um appreciate what you do And you know it it's not gonna always be something that's gonna make you famous but it could be something that makes you just really good at something and it opens doors for you and helps you find other people who are really into that thing too and that'll be your people I think it's great Another thing too of like comparison I think it's interesting you talking about when you met Kanye you were both trying to come up you were both like trying to do your own things But also you were saying like you were kind of working with him on some of his shit How did you not get competitive in an arena That's pretty fucking small Like it's 1% that makes it Well I think we were so different in what we were trying to make like I'm an R and B singer he's a rapper he's a producer and you know I'm a singer songwriter who plays the piano And so everything we did actually was pretty complimentary Um And so I would sing all over his records play piano on him Um add some kind of soul and musicality to them and then he would add a lot of like hip hop flavor to what I was doing So it was a cool time to be making music because you could find ways for like hip hop and soul to intersect and because we were making different enough music we never felt like we were going head to head we could find ways to like make each other better and that's what we did That's dope Once you left Penn did you still feel any connection to Pennsylvania Like did you root for the Eagles in the Super Bowl I still like if there's no Ohio team Philly's like my next uh thing I'll

root for So like I'd rather root for the Bengals in the Super Bowl but they lost in the you know AFC championship And so when Philly played KC I was like OK I'll just root for for Philly And you know I still have a lot of band members that are from Philly Um A lot of my favorite musicians I've collaborated with like the roots they're from Philly So I have a lot of affection for Philly and a lot of people that work with me including my manager and one of my producing partners They're from Philly And so I definitely have a lot of love for Philly who should play you in the John Legend biopic and who would play Chrissy Oh my goodness Let me think about this Now I got to think about who all the people that people say I look like on the internet It's usually just babies Everyone puts their light skinned babies up and they they all think my baby looks like John Legend because I have this you know I have cheeks I have dimples and a lot of babies look like me A baby is going to play you and basically my biopic will happened 30 years from now and one of the internet babies will play me I mean that's actually amazing Also that is a compliment like you look young so you're you're never gonna eat Um I had written I think reggae Jean page that would make me a little more handsome I'll take it But then like who would play Chrissy I didn't think of that trying to think of like um maybe like Olivia Rodrigo or something No that's good I feel like also Christy would play Christy right She's like I don't know how this works because we kind of have acted Do we play played himself You could be the next um what's something that you're not good at that You wish you were sports what sport specifically I mean basketball like I I played with my brothers and my cousins but they were always more athletic than me And uh like I was just never that good I mean obviously I got the talent that I got and I'm happy But uh you know I always wished I was a little more athletic I wish I was a little bit taller I wish I was a baller You know the song Exactly What is a misconception about you that you see on the internet a lot Well we could get into all the crazies on the internet There's like the Q and on You're like do we have five hours The Q and you know you've heard about the Q and they're like they're on some other shit They're they're going off So is that like they include me and Chrisy in their conspiracies It's wild What I don't know if you've ever seen that you should go down the rabbit hole one day just to see where humanity is And then do you guys just laugh about it at home Yeah we laugh about it It it is wild though They really believe some wild things and and they kind of talk each other up and they build these entire alternate universes where they think all these crazy things about Hollywood people about uh especially people on

the left in in politics and it is insane It's a wild subculture We've made fun of it before publicly But it's the thing is the more you deny it the more they think See you're like ok there's there's no really rationalizing with him It's it's like a truly um psychotic subculture and to people that aren't familiar Can you just give a little explanation of what these people think you're doing Well They believe that Donald Trump was put into office to end a secret cabal of Hollywood and Democratic pedophiles and he was put into office And that's why everyone was so worried about him becoming president was that he was here to solve that issue for the world He was going to destroy this cabal and arrest all those people And so they have there's all these like rabbit holes that go down with it So like they for a while I think they thought that if you were covering your ankles it was because you were secretly on house arrest and you had an ankle bracelet which doesn't make any sense because if you were so dangerous and you were going to be arrested why wouldn't they just actually put you in jail But they thought for some reason that people like Hillary Clinton had an ankle bracelet on and and Ellen degeneres had a ankle bracelet on and they were secretly arrested by Donald Trump's Justice Department It's insane Honestly it's insane The overall thrust of it is that they believe that their perceived enemies whether it's Hollywood or the liberal elite um were actually not just people they disagree with but people that were doing this inhumane pedophile ring And uh they still there's still a lot of them that believe it And uh they've included us in that They just added us to the list of people who've gone to Jeffrey Epstein's Island which we never knew The guy never flew anywhere with him They just added us to the list It's wild Oh my God Ok What do you think Thank you for clarifying that Now I'm gonna like when you leave here I'm going to go down a fucking spiral and be like what There are a lot of people that believe it I would say probably millions on the on a planet of 7 billion I think it's got to be millions of people who believe it is that kind of to you It is a little scary because you know if you really believe that about someone you would do some dastardly things to like or some awful things some violent things to uh stop them from doing it if you really believed it And you know the the most one of the more dangerous moments was when that guy went into uh the pizza place in DC and thought he was busting up a pedophile ring in the basement and there was actually no basement in the pizza shop but he went in there with a gun like looking to uh save a bunch of kids and it was all just a figment of his conspiracy addled mind OK What the fuck that took a turn I know I'm like what was my question So you met Chrissy on a set of your music video Did

you have any say who was cast for that part Yeah So my my uh friend Bill Elder he's a mutual friend of both mine and Chrissy's from before we knew each other And um he had shot her before and he showed me photos of her and wanted to cast her in um the video and he was shooting the video on spec Um So he kind of needed a friend to be the model because he wasn't really offering any money He was doing the video on spec and I was like cool and he showed me a picture of Chrissy and I was like sure great And um we shot the video not far from here Um And we just hit it off What do you remember about that first day meeting her Well she'll tell you like when she walked in I was ironing my own clothes um which I do and I still do and um we didn't have any budget for the video It was truly on spec and and the Bill was just shooting it because he hadn't really shot any videos before and he wanted to show um people in the industry that he could do it up until that point He was just a photographer and he had done a decent amount of photo shoots but no video shoots And so we were like it was a shoestring budget She walks in I'm ironing my clothes Um my brother's in there with me my uh road manager at the time who's still with me now And um yeah she walks in and I'm like wow she's beautiful and we just hit it off When did you actually like ask Well we hung out that night because she came to my show Um I had a show at the Roxy that night and we hung out that night and then every time I came back to LA I would reach out and I was living in New York at the time and she was mostly living in L A but she would go to Miami for work as well And so we just kind of started this three city romance where she would come see me in New York sometimes And she would have work there too and um come stay with me And then when I was in LA I would we would hang out and then when we were both were in Miami we would hang out and then eventually we started going on trips together and and just kind of falling in love And um we um the first time we went to Lake Como was in 2007 It was for a uh so we had met in September 2006 and it was for some men's shows for um uh who was it Armani uh our friend who works for Gucci now but worked for Armani then invited us to the shows and um in between the shows they put us up at Villa in uh in uh at Lake Como in Italy And so we're there and I say that's when we fell in love because like it's this beautiful place and and we just got really close and you could just feel like oh this is gonna be special And so that place always became like significant to us because that's where we fell in love And then um fast forward to 2011 I propose We get married in 2013 and we um shoot the all of me video that week the week we get married at Lake Como we get married at Lake Como

and the bill the same guy who introduced us um is the guy who shot the video for all of me We shoot the video kind of Commemorating our marriage to the world becomes my biggest song of course And and uh also commemorates this special moment in our lives and that's all um gonna be the 10th anniversary uh in September this year 10th anniversary of all of me 10th anniversary of our getting married And uh we're gonna go back to Lake como and celebrate That's a great story Another twist to that story is that the reason I met the bill was because he squatted Kanye West dot com Um So you remember back in the day before like the internet was really big Um People would squat domain names Um And a lot of times they would just ask for a huge ransom to to to pay it off But nail all he wanted was let me take a photo take photos of you guys let me follow you guys around and take photos of you and I'll give you your website back And so he gave Kanye Kanye west dot com back and he just started taking photos of us He was living in Chicago and uh he would go around with us on tour and we all became friends with him all on him blackmailing I was about to say he knows how to get in a room and make connections I'm like but honestly it was like the the most benign black mail of all time I just want to take pictures of you guys for free He's like just let me like hang out and take photos You're like that's all you want You guys are like there has to be something how much he's like no money no check And then and then you know years later he meets Chrissy and shoots her and then you know introduces us and then all of that because he squatted Kanye West dot com That's a great story Um obviously every relationship I love how you were Like we had like a three city romance Like when you start a relationship it's so exciting And then there's obviously the hard part like what was the hardest part that you and Chris experience in like those beginning early stages of your relationship Well I think part of it distance and so you know you're traveling a lot Um part of it is just me being still like in my mid twenties and being a like you know selfish you know mid twenties guy and like still wanting to like not like I think you're still selfish during that period of your life you're not thinking fully about being a good partner You're thinking more about like what you need to do and like I'm thinking about my career I'm thinking about you know um just what's going to be the best thing for me and not thinking of us as a couple as much Um But as we grew together we just fell in love and we started to like intertwine our goals you know like the things we want to do together um and grew into a real partnership Yeah I think that's also cool because I think a lot of times you can meet someone

and be like you're really dope But like I'm gonna pick me in my career like no shade to them But if it is the right person almost even as much as you want to do your own thing You're like I'm gonna find a way to merge lives because you want to be with that person Yeah Eventually Like I was just like so happy spending time with her She brought so much like joy and and energy to my life and like humor and fun and we just had great chemistry and like I didn't want to be with anybody else What is the hottest thing about your life to you Oh my goodness The hottest thing Honestly like it's probably obvious but she makes me laugh all the time and I think that is that it just changes your whole world when you have somebody around you that makes you laugh because it just makes every experience like even when you go through like the worst things um when they have a sense of humor it it just makes it it makes your life better It really does What do you think she would say about you I don't know That's a good question I don't know what she would say I don't know I take good care of her Like I I like to cook for her even though she's obviously the one with uh food credentials that I don't have But uh I like to cook for her I like to take care of her pamper her and uh make some romantic gestures She probably likes that so cute Ok What advice do you have to people to keep your sex life hot and fun and alive Come on John lock the door If you have kids our kids have a way of like finding their way into our room So we're like if we ever want to have a good time we gotta lock the door That does your does your mother-in-law live with you Do you ever have to be like listen we're gonna go she's not the issue it's the kids take the kids we gotta go have a meeting upstairs Ok So you're just like lock the door you got to just find time you know you have to find time You have to like still like do those romantic gestures and like make an effort I think and uh I think that's all important You can't like take things for granted I think especially if you've been together for a long time If you if you allow yourself to just get in a rut um like you got to you know go on a date do some things do some fun things Um make some romantic gestures You mentioned how like obviously through hard times it's you have to find the positive and Chrissy is really good at doing that You have been open about the pregnancy loss that you and Chrissy experienced in 2020 Do you remember like the feelings you felt after that experience Oh it's hard because you feel especially being um the man in the relationship not carrying the baby yourself You feel this strong sense of grief but also this powerlessness Um because you know it's like you want to be there to protect you want to be there to help but like you literally can't do anything um to really solve the

core problem here And um and so it it's it's it was just heartbreaking and we felt powerless and um it was like deep deep grief deep challenge um deep pain And um for me I'm also you know having gone through dealing with trauma in my own family growing up dealing with um tragedy in our family and seeing you know my mom react to it in ways that weren't healthy Um I was trying to like be the best partner for her so I could buttress her support her and make sure she responded in the healthiest way that she could And um we were able to get through it but it was like it was it was tough Yeah I appreciate you sharing that about your family because I think sometimes when you go through trauma you are so in your head about like how do I do different How do I do it different How do I handle it different to someone Maybe that's going through something similar Do you have any advice of how to find the strength to move forward while also grieving at the same time I think I know it's like not everyone can afford therapy or and it is it is a privilege you know to some extent even though I think it's affordable for a large group of people I think you have to do the actual work to like take care of your mental health and you can't expect to be able to do it by yourself And so I think Chrissy and I both like we are fully aware that mental health is like a real thing that that needs to be taken care of and it needs expertise and care And um I think it's important if you're able to afford that you're able to access it that you do it And honestly um us talking about it publicly created this sense of community because you start to realize how many other people have gone through it and it's way more than you think um and particularly a pregnancy loss And then uh so we would the fact that Chrissy was willing to talk about it publicly combine that with um just the love that we got from so many different people people would send books people would send flowers just people cared and we felt like so much love from people we truly did But also they felt love coming from us and empathy coming from us And it made a lot of people who didn't usually talk about this publicly or didn't usually talk about it even among their larger friend group uh feel more comfortable talking about it and feel like they weren't alone in that situation And people still come up to us This is now you know what two years later uh 2.5 years later people still come up to us at the grocery store or wherever we're shopping or just wherever we're out in public and tell us how much it meant to them that Chrissy talked about it and made them feel less alone Do you guys have conversations about those things It was Chrissy's idea to share it and it was right in the heart of our grief So it's like kind of like courageous that she was even able to like think about that But people had been with us

on the journey they knew we were pregnant she had you know been sharing her journey through pregnancy and and when it started getting complicated and and she had to be in bed rest and we were trying to save the pregnancy Um she was sharing all that So it would have been weird to not share the outcome because then it's just like this it's just like the baby just disappeared and like there's no explanation And so it made sense to share it but it was still hard you know and then um once we did share it it really became this just powerful again like it it built community it connected us to a bunch of people we didn't know and um it ended up being just a beautiful thing What is something that you did as a family that helped you guys move forward Well one we just like I said therapy is very helpful doing things actively proactively to take care of your mental health are important Two it's great when you have kids there that like are examples of like you coming together to create something beautiful in this world and little people for you to love on and care for and and just bring light to your lives like we had lu and miles already and it was like so beautiful to have them in our lives as just as living manifestations of our love and what we created together And then um of course we tried to have another baby and uh it happened and here we are here we are What are some qualities that you hope your Children inherit from Chrissy She's so um thoughtful She thinks about other people's feelings she cares about like whether other people are happy and whether they're taken care of Um As I've said before she's funny She's creative She's dynamic and I see a lot of her in Luna Um And whenever Luna makes us laugh I'm like oh ok I see mom and then there's just certain aspects of her personality that she definitely gets from her mom And it's it's exciting to see it honestly And then um yeah those are some of my favorite trips about her that I want to see in my kids and she has a real sense of um honesty and um authenticity that I would love our kids to have are either of them singing or Luna sings in the car all the time and she can carry a tune So she clearly has pitch perception and is like she gets it musically she gets what's happening and people don't know this but Chrissy I think has that same ability like she understands music enough even without any formal training that she's like always on key um has a good sense of musical like composition and understands music even though she has no formal training And so Luna at least has that and we'll see if she's you know even more musical but she is more excited about art like uh visual art Yeah that's interesting I mean she has a pretty good person in the house to help her if she wants to go that route We keep asking them if they want to take piano lessons or anything They're

always like no and I'm fine with it like I I honestly am happy if they have passions that are like something different So they're not too pressured I think that's great Congrats on your new piano album Legend What inspired you to create this music Well I do this all the time like I do live solo shows and intimate venues I I just did a couple of them at the Walt Disney concert hall and I've done them you know for corporate gigs private gigs everything I've done you know this solo you know interpretation of my music which usually has full production and everything before And I had never actually made uh kind of like a remix album of my previous albums um like this but my um label president Wendy Goldstein she was like why don't you do a piano version of this album And this is my first album with them Uh Legend was on the double album that we put out in September She was like why don't you um do a solo version of it And I was like you know that's a great idea Why hadn't I done that before And um and it was fun just reapproached the songs coming up with new ways of presenting them just kind of auditioning them for myself like thinking which ones will work best in this uh you know reincarnation and uh it worked I really had fun making it It's so good Thank you What is your favorite song to perform on that album Um I love doing by your side which is a cover I did a I think I like doing that one because it's kind of new to me I've never done it before and I really kind of discovered how much I was into singing it as I was um considering it for the album and I've only played it live a couple of times but I love it so good And then I guess what overall is your favorite song to perform Overall I love doing Honestly it's fun doing the hits because it just the connection is just so strong with the audience I love doing ordinary people Um It's you know my oldest hit song and um it still has such resonance with the audience and I just love singing it It just takes me back to that moment I tell the story about you know when I wrote it and how it originally started out as a black-eyed Peas song because uh I was managed by the same manager as them and we used to write together and I actually wrote the chorus for the song in a session with Will I am And uh and then I was like you know I don't want to get this one for myself and and now you know it became my first big hit and uh I still love playing it I really appreciate you coming today because it's really cool to it's one thing to love someone's music It's another thing to kind of get to know them sit down with them and know them as a human being outside of their music So John thank you so much for coming Thanks for having me This was great Thank you Thank you Thank you