

= Maryse Ouellet =

Maryse Mizanin (/ m??ri?s / ; née Ouellet ; born January 21 , 1983) is a French Canadian glamour model , businesswoman , actress , professional wrestling manager , and former professional wrestler currently signed to WWE under the ring name Maryse , where she is a former two @-@ time Divas Champion , performing on the on the SmackDown brand as the manager of her real ? life husband The Miz .

After spending years modeling , including winning Miss Hawaiian Tropic Canada in 2003 , Ouellet was hired by the professional wrestling promotion WWE in August 2006 , after she participated in the WWE Diva Search competition . She spent time in Ohio Valley Wrestling and Florida Championship Wrestling , WWE 's developmental territories , before being assigned to the SmackDown brand in 2008 . In December 2008 , Maryse won her first WWE Divas Championship and held it for seven months , which is the third longest reign in the championship 's history . In April 2009 , she was drafted to the Raw brand , and won the Divas Championship for the second time in February 2010 , making her the first wrestler to have held the championship on more than one occasion . In 2011 , she became the co @-@ host of NXT and the manager of Ted DiBiase , prior to her release from the company in October 2011 . In April 2016 , she returned to the company , and became the manager of her husband The Miz .

In late 2011 , she announced plans for a clothing and jewelry line called House of Maryse , and later began working as a realtor .

= = Early life and career = =

Ouellet was born in Montreal , Quebec , but grew up in Edmundston , New Brunswick . In high school , Ouellet was the only girl in her class , and ran the school 's fashion show . She also began developing a range of makeup products .

Ouellet began her modelling career as a beauty pageant contestant , winning Miss Hawaiian Tropic Canada 2003 and finishing second at the International Finals of Miss Hawaiian Tropic 2004 . She was also on the cover of Playboy 's 2007 Girls of Canada calendar .

= = Professional wrestling career = =

= = = World Wrestling Entertainment / WWE = = =

= = = Diva Search and developmental territories (2006 ? 2008) = = =

In mid @-@ 2006 , Ouellet tried out for World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) ' s Diva Search . She made the final cut and was one of the top eight contestants , but was the second person eliminated on July 24 . Despite her elimination , she was invited to observe workouts and the training facility at WWE 's developmental territory , Ohio Valley Wrestling (OVW) , along with Brooke Adams . Ouellet later said that she was " very , very excited " , as it was her " dream to become a WWE Diva " .

Ouellet was officially signed to a WWE developmental contract on August 24 , 2006 and was assigned to OVW for training . She made her in @-@ ring debut at an OVW live event in December 2006 . In March 2007 , she began wrestling in dark matches prior to the OVW television tapings . In mid @-@ 2007 , Ouellet began managing Sylvain Grenier . When Florida Championship Wrestling (FCW) opened in mid @-@ 2007 , Ouellet was transferred to the new developmental facility , and on September 25 , she made her FCW debut as the valet of Ryan O 'Reilly along with Lacey Von Erich . Ouellet then started competing in singles and tag team competition , before managing Ted DiBiase , Jr. in December 2007 , and was at ringside when he captured the FCW Southern Heavyweight Championship . She continued making sporadic appearances in FCW until January 2008 .

===== SmackDown (2006 ? 2008) =====

On the September 22 , 2006 episode of SmackDown ! , Ouellet , known as simply Maryse , was shown on the TitanTron welcoming the Montreal viewers in French to the season premiere of SmackDown ! on the CW Network . Maryse made her first official televised appearance on the May 21 , 2007 episode of Raw to present American rapper Timbaland 's new music video for the single " Throw It on Me " , in which she had appeared .

By the time she began appearing regularly on SmackDown at the beginning of 2008 , she had adopted a snobby attitude and become a villainous character . On the March 7 , 2008 episode of SmackDown , Maryse competed in a swimsuit contest against Victoria , Michelle McCool , Cherry , and Eve Torres , which ended in a brawl between Maryse and Torres . The following week , she was the first eliminated from another swimsuit competition . On March 28 , Maryse competed in a " Wet and Wild " match , teaming with Victoria against Cherry and McCool in a losing effort . On a " SmackDown after the bell " video on WWE 's website , the tag team Deuce ' n Domino dumped Cherry , who had been their manager , and replaced her with Maryse . Maryse then insulted Cherry , only for Cherry to slap her . On the May 16 episode of SmackDown , Maryse made her in @-@ ring debut in a loss to Cherry , though she defeated Cherry in a rematch the following week . On the June 6 episode of SmackDown ! , SmackDown General Manager Vickie Guerrero announced the creation of the WWE Divas Championship , and that same night the Divas competed in a Golden Dreams match to qualify for the championship match at The Great American Bash , which was won by Natalya . On the July 4 , 2008 episode of SmackDown ! , she competed again in another Golden Dreams match to face Natalya for the championship , however she failed to win . For several weeks , Maryse competed in six @-@ person tag team matches with Victoria and Natalya against Cherry , Michelle McCool and Maria . She suffered a minor broken nose after receiving a bulldog from Maria in August 2008 .

===== Divas Champion (2008 ? 2010) =====

Maryse began a rivalry with Michelle McCool in September 2008 , unsuccessfully challenging her for the WWE Divas Championship at Unforgiven , and in a rematch the following week on SmackDown , but failed to win on both occasions . On the September 23 episode of ECW , Maryse defeated McCool in a non @-@ title match . After a month @-@ long absence , Maryse returned at Survivor Series pay @-@ per @-@ view event in November , participating in a five @-@ on @-@ five Divas elimination tag team match , eliminating Kelly Kelly , Mickie James and Candice Michelle ; Maryse was the sole survivor of her team , but was ultimately eliminated by Beth Phoenix . At the Armageddon pay @-@ per @-@ view on December 14 , Maryse teamed up with Jillian Hall , Victoria and Natalya in a losing effort to McCool , Maria , Kelly Kelly and Mickie James in an Eight @-@ Diva Santa 's Little Helper tag team match . On December 19 , Maryse pinned Maria to become the number one contender for Michelle McCool 's Divas Championship . The following week on SmackDown , Maryse defeated McCool , with Maria as the special guest referee , to win her first Divas Championship . On December 28 , at a house show in Raleigh , North Carolina , Maryse dislocated her knee in a tag team match against The Bella Twins . It was later announced that the injury was not major , and therefore only missed a few weeks action . On the January 23 , 2009 episode of SmackDown , Maryse returned and sat at ringside commentating during a Divas ' tag team match . She returned to in @-@ ring action on February 20 , teaming with Michelle McCool in a win against Maria and Eve Torres , where she pinned Torres .

Maryse made her first appearance on Raw on March 2 , as a commentator for a match involving the WWE Women 's Champion Melina , with Maryse attacking her after the match . The following week , Maryse made her in @-@ ring debut on Raw in a champion vs champion lumberjill match , which she defeated Melina . The rivalry extended to a tag team match on SmackDown on March 13 , where Melina and Maria defeated McCool and Maryse . On 27 March episode of SmackDown , Maryse made her first championship defense , losing by disqualification after the returning Gail Kim

attacked Maryse and McCool , and thus retained the championship . On April 5 , Maryse competed in a 25 @-@ Diva Miss WrestleMania battle royal at WrestleMania XXV , but she was eliminated by Beth Phoenix and the match was won by Santina Marella (Santino Marella dressed in drag) . Maryse made her last appearance on SmackDown on April 24 , retaining her championship against Gail Kim .

As part of the 2009 WWE Draft on April 13 , Maryse was drafted to the Raw brand , and in the process , the Divas Championship became exclusive to Raw . She made her debut for the brand on April 27 , teaming with Beth Phoenix , Rosa Mendes , and Jillian Hall in a loss to Santina Marella , Mickie James , Brie Bella and Kelly Kelly . Maryse then began feuding with Mickie James after she cost James a number one contender 's battle royal , which was eventually won by Kelly Kelly , by spraying hairspray in her eyes . The following week , Maryse lost a championship match against Kelly by disqualification , meaning the championship did not change hands , and won a subsequent rematch by pinfall two weeks later on June 8 . At Night of Champions on July 26 , Maryse lost the Divas Championship to James . Despite being only the second Divas champion , her reign of 216 days remained the longest in the title 's history for nearly five years , until AJ Lee surpassed her reign in January 2014 .

After losing the championship , Maryse underwent knee surgery . She returned on the November 23 episode of Raw , disguised as The Gobbledy Gooker , as the guest timekeeper for a Thanksgiving @-@ themed 6 @-@ Divas tag team match . After the match , she revealed herself by attacking the Divas Champion Melina . The following week , Maryse made her in @-@ ring return teamed with Jillian Hall in a tag team match against Melina and Gail Kim , where Maryse pinned Melina . On the December 7 episode of Raw , Maryse defeated Gail Kim , and following the match , Maryse proceed to attack Kelly Kelly but was stopped by Melina .

In early 2010 , a tournament was held for the newly vacated WWE Divas Championship due to Melina 's injury . Maryse entered the tournament , and defeated Brie Bella and Eve Torres in the first round and semi @-@ finals , respectively , to advance to the finals . At Royal Rumble , on January 31 , Maryse teamed up with Katie Lea Burchill , Jillian Hall , Alicia Fox , and Natalya in a untelevised match in a losing effort to Gail Kim , Kelly Kelly , Eve Torres , and The Bella Twins (Nikki and Brie) . The tournament 's finals were originally scheduled for Elimination Chamber on February 21 ; instead , the match was changed by the SmackDown General Manager Vickie Guerrero to a interbrand tag team match , where Maryse teamed with her scheduled opponent Gail Kim against LayCool (Michelle McCool and Layla) , which was won by LayCool as a result of Maryse abandoning Kim during the match . The following night on Raw , Maryse defeated Kim in the finals to win the championship , becoming the first Diva to have held it twice .

At WrestleMania XXVI , on March 28 , she was part of the winning team of a 10 @-@ Diva tag team match with LayCool , Alicia Fox and Vickie Guerrero against Beth Phoenix , Mickie James , Gail Kim , Eve Torres and Kelly Kelly , but the following night on Raw , she was pinned by Torres in a rematch . Maryse lost the Divas Championship two weeks later to Eve Torres on the April 12 episode of Raw , and was unsuccessful to regain it at Over the Limit pay @-@ per @-@ view in May . At Fatal 4 @-@ Way on June 20 , Maryse failed to regain the title in a Fatal Four @-@ Way match that also involved then @-@ champion Eve , Gail Kim , and Alicia Fox , which Fox would win pinning her to become the champion .

= = = = Managing Ted DiBiase and NXT (2010 ? 2011) = = = =

On the June 21 episode of Raw , after Ted DiBiase fired Virgil , Maryse became DiBiase 's new personal assistant . At Money in the Bank , on 18 July , Maryse accompanied DiBiase in his Money in the Bank ladder match for the WWE Championship contract , which she tried to pick the briefcase , but was stopped by John Morrison . Along with DiBiase , Maryse was announced as a mentor for Brodus Clay for the fourth season of NXT on November 30 . On Raw , on December 13 , Maryse was involved in a battle royal to determine the winner of the Diva of the Year Slammy Award , but was eliminated by Natalya . Clay traded his mentors , Maryse and DiBiase , for Alberto Del Rio on the January 25 , 2011 episode of NXT . In late September 2010 , Maryse was involved in an

storyline with Goldust , in which he stole the Million Dollar Championship from DiBiase , and lost a subsequent mixed tag team match against Goldust and Aksana on October 26 .

On March 8 , Maryse became the co @-@ host of NXT , alongside Matt Striker . As part of NXT Redemption , Maryse was involved in several romantic storylines , most notably with Yoshi Tatsu , Lucky Cannon , and Hornswoggle . In April , DiBiase made an ultimatum to Maryse for her to choose to continue on the NXT or continue with him . The following week , Maryse chose to continue appearing on NXT , disbanding their alliance in the process . In August , Maryse underwent surgery for an abdominal hernia and took time off WWE programming . After two months of inactivity , Maryse was released from her WWE contract on October 28 .

== Independent circuit (2012) ==

On October 5 , 2012 , Maryse appeared at the Family Wrestling Entertainment (FWE) event Back 2 Brooklyn , performing live commentary . She began appearing regularly for FWE , where she commentated during women 's matches .

== Return to WWE (2016 ? present) ==

On the April 4 , 2016 episode of Raw , Maryse returned during a WWE Intercontinental Championship match between the champion Zack Ryder and her husband , The Miz . During the match , Maryse slapped Ryder 's father , who was in the front row , in order to distract Ryder and allowed Miz to capture the championship for the fifth time , thus becoming his manager in the process . She formally re @-@ introduced herself three days later on the April 7 episode of SmackDown before she once again helped Miz to retain his championship over Ryder . She then began to cut various promos with Miz as his host during the " Miz TV " segments , while calling themselves the " It " Couple .

After a hiatus due to the shoot of a WWE film , Maryse returned to WWE television on the June 27 episode of Raw , where she helped Miz to retain his title from Kane after she faked an ankle injury . On July 19 , at the 2016 WWE Draft , Maryse and Miz were drafted to SmackDown .

== Other media ==

In April 2007 , she appeared alongside fellow WWE Divas Ashley , Torrie Wilson , Brooke Adams , Layla , and Kelly Kelly in Timbaland 's music video " Throw It On Me " featuring The Hives .

Ouellet also appeared in the January 2009 issue of Muscle & Fitness , along with Eve Torres and Michelle McCool . She and John Morrison were interviewed on Eurosport in the same year . She also made a special appearance on Redemption Song , which was hosted by WWE wrestler Chris Jericho , along with Candice Michelle , Mickie James , and Eve Torres . She has also appeared in several newspaper interviews , including Tokyo Headline , and was on the cover of Sessions Magazine in October 2010 .

In 2012 , Maryse was featured on the cover of Le Journal de Montréal , and on MDA Show of Strength with The Miz and other celebrities . In 2015 , Ouellet had roles in Sharknado 3 : Oh Hell No ! and in Santa 's Little Helper , the latter starring Ouellet 's husband , The Miz . In the same year , she appeared on the E ! reality television series WAGS . In 2016 , it was announced that Maryse would appear as a main cast member on the upcoming sixth season of Total Divas , which prompted her return to WWE .

Maryse has appeared in three WWE video games . She made her in @-@ game debut at WWE Smackdown vs Raw 2010 and appears in WWE Smackdown vs Raw 2011 and WWE ' 12 .

== Filmography ==

== Film ==

= = = Television = = =

= = = Web = = =

= = Other endeavors = =

Following her release from WWE in 2011 , Ouellet announced her plans for a clothing and jewelry line named House of Maryse .

Beginning in late 2013 , Ouellet began working as a realtor in Los Angeles after spending a year earning her real estate license .

= = Personal life = =

Ouellet is trilingual ; she is a native speaker of French , fluent in English , and she is able to read Spanish , although she cannot speak it . Ouellet has a tattoo of her late father 's name , Guy , on her left wrist . She has a degree in business administration , and holds a black belt in martial arts . Her favorite actress is Scarlett Johansson , her favorite bands are Simple Plan , Nickleback and she loves techno music . Ouellet is an avid supporter of animal rights and gay rights , and posed for the NOH8 campaign in 2011 . Ouellet is catholic .

Ouellet was inspired to become a professional wrestler by Lita . She cites Lita and Victoria as her dreams opponents .

In July 2011 , Ouellet asked a judge for protection from 61 @-@ year @-@ old " crazed fan " Lee Silber , and filed a request for a permanent restraining order . She claimed that Silber had sent " numerous terrifying letters to [her] home and left more than 50 voicemail 's on [her] personal cell phone all of which are extremely disturbing and delusional . " In the filed documents and an interview for TMZ , Ouellet stated that she " feared for [her] life " . She also explained that she had beefed up her personal security , and noted that Silber was a " crazy stalker ... who needs to either be in a psychiatric hospital or jail ! " . On 3 August , the court granted her the restraining order .

In 2013 , Ouellet got engaged to longtime boyfriend and fellow wrestler Mike Mizanin , best known by his ring name The Miz , and were married in the Bahamas on February 20 , 2014 . The couple reside in Los Angeles , California .

= = In wrestling = =

Finishing moves

French Kiss (Snap or flowing DDT , with theatrics)

French TKO (Reverse roundhouse kick , to the back of the opponent 's head)

Running knee strike , to the head of a kneeling opponent ? 2008

Signature moves

French Pain (Camel clutch)

Forward Russian legsweep

Hair @-@ pull mat slam

Hair @-@ pull facebuster

Leg choke

Modified sleeper hold

Single leg Boston crab

Spinning backbreaker

Short @-@ arm clothesline

Wrestlers managed

Sylvain Grenier
Ryan O 'Reilly
Deuce ' n Domino
Ted DiBiase
The Miz

Nicknames

" The French @-@ Canadian Beauty "
" The Sexiest of Sexy "
" The Sultry Diva "
" The French Phenom "
" The Ultra @-@ Dangerous Superstar "

Entrance themes

" Pourquoi ? " by Jim Johnston (2008 ? 2011 ; April 7 , 2016 ? present)
" I Came to Play " by Downstait (w / Hollywood Intro , April 7 , 2016 ? present ; used while managing The Miz)

= = Championships and accomplishments = =

Pro Wrestling Illustrated

PWI ranked her # 9 of the best 50 female singles wrestlers in the PWI Female 50 in 2009 .

World Wrestling Entertainment

WWE Divas Championship (2 times)
Divas Championship Tournament (2010)