

= Eve Torres =

Eve Torres Gracie ( born Eve Marie Torres ; August 21 , 1984 ) is an American model , actress , and former professional wrestler . She is best known for her work with WWE as Eve Torres and has served as an ambassador for the company since April 2014 .

Torres began her career as a model and dancer . She danced for The Southern California Summer Pro League and went on to become a member of the National Basketball Association 's Los Angeles Clippers Spirit Dance Team for the 2006 ? 2007 season . She has also appeared on several television shows , including Show Me The Money , Sunset Tan , and Deal or No Deal .

In 2007 , she entered the 2007 Diva Search and won , earning a contract with WWE . Torres first appeared on WWE programming as a backstage interviewer in 2008 , and also appeared in non @-@ wrestling contests such as bikini contests and dance competitions . She later became a full @-@ time wrestler in 2009 , and was involved in feuds with Michelle McCool , Layla and Natalya . She also managed the tag team of Cryme Tyme . After being traded to the Raw brand in late 2009 , she managed Chris Masters before winning the WWE Divas Championship in April 2010 . She held the championship for 69 days , before losing it in June . After acting as the valet for R @-@ Truth in late 2010 , Torres won the Divas Championship for the second time at the 2011 Royal Rumble in January . Her second reign lasted until April 2011 . The following year , she was given the fictional role of " Executive Administrator " of Raw and WWE SmackDown , and later the Assistant General Manager of SmackDown . At Night of Champions , Torres won the Divas Championship , becoming the first person to win it on three occasions , and held the title until January 2013 .

Following her Divas Championship loss , she retired from WWE to focus on her role as an instructor for the Gracie Women Empowered Self @-@ defense program . In 2014 , she appeared on the television series Matador in a recurring guest role .

= = Early life = =

Torres was born in Boston , Massachusetts , but grew up in Denver , Colorado , and has " a Latina background " . She has one younger brother , Phillip , who appeared on Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader ? in October 2008 and won \$ 100 @,@ 000 , and currently hosts TechKnow on Al Jazeera America .

Torres attended the University of Southern California ( USC ) on a full tuition scholarship . During college , she was one of the founding members of the Omega Phi Beta sorority chapter on her campus and held the vice @-@ president position for several years . While in Omega Phi Beta , Torres was awarded for Academic Excellence at the Order of Omega Greek Awards . She graduated with honors and a Grade Point Average above 3 @.@ 5 in May 2006 , with a degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering .

= = Dancing and modeling career = =

While attending the USC , Torres appeared in commercials and music videos . Torres was the co @-@ captain of the USC Fly Girls dance squad and created much of their choreography . She also danced for The Southern California Summer Pro League , the only summer league for National Basketball Association ( NBA ) players , in Long Beach , California . After graduating from college , she began dancing and modeling full @-@ time . After reaching the tryout finals in previous years , Torres became a member of the NBA 's Los Angeles Clippers Spirit Dance Team for the 2006 ? 07 season . She also appeared on the game show Show Me The Money .

= = Professional wrestling career = =

= = = World Wrestling Entertainment / WWE = = =

===== Diva Search and Ohio Valley Wrestling ( 2007 ? 2008 ) =====

In May 2007 , Torres entered World Wrestling Entertainment ( WWE ) ' s Diva Search . She was chosen by WWE officials as one of the eight finalists from a group of 50 women . On October 29 , 2007 , in Philadelphia , live on Raw , she was crowned the 2007 WWE Diva Search winner , defeating finalist Brooke Gilbertsen and becoming an official WWE Diva . Following her win , she began training for her wrestling debut in WWE ' s then @-@ developmental territory , Ohio Valley Wrestling ( OVW ) .

===== Various feuds ( 2008 ? 2009 ) =====

Vignettes promoting Eve ' s debut on SmackDown began airing on January 11 , 2008 . Eve made her official debut on the February 1 , 2008 episode of SmackDown , interviewing former World Heavyweight Champion Batista . During early 2008 , Eve participated in a contest to determine the top Diva on SmackDown , participating in a bikini contest , an obstacle course , and an arm wrestling competition before being eliminated . Eve appeared at WrestleMania XXIV as a Lumberjill in the BunnyMania match between Maria and Ashley against Beth Phoenix and Melina . Eve spent the rest of the year competing in contests , including a dance @-@ off and a bikini contest , before participating in the Halloween Costume Contest on October 26 at the Cyber Sunday pay @-@ per @-@ view , where she was dressed as Raphael from the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles . On the 800th episode of Raw on November 3 , 2008 , Eve made her televised in @-@ ring debut in a 16 @-@ Diva tag team match , which her team lost , although she never tagged into the match .

Her first main storyline began in early 2009 , when she began a scripted feud with Michelle McCool after McCool attacked her . On the February 6 episode of SmackDown , Eve made her singles match debut in a losing effort against McCool via submission . Their feud continued for the next few months , with them competing against each other in singles and tag team matches . Eve then moved into a feud with Layla in mid @-@ 2009 . After the pair competed in dance and arm wrestling competitions , Eve defeated Layla on the May 29 episode of SmackDown in a singles match . On the June 18 episode of Superstars , Eve pinned Layla once again . After the match , they both shook hands .

Around the same as her scripted rivalry with Layla , Eve became associated with Cryme Tyme ( Shad and JTG ) , appearing in several backstage segments with them . She also began accompanying them to the ring as their manager during their storyline rivalry with The Hart Dynasty ( David Hart Smith , Tyson Kidd , and Natalya ) . Eve and Cryme Tyme participated in multiple six @-@ person mixed tag team matches against The Hart Dynasty , and Eve also faced Natalya in singles matches and tag team matches involving other Divas . Her final match on SmackDown was on October 9 , when she was defeated in a singles match by McCool .

===== Divas Champion ( 2009 ? 2011 ) =====

On October 12 , 2009 , Eve was traded to the Raw brand . On the November 2 episode of Raw , she competed in her first match for the brand ; a battle royal , which was won by Alicia Fox . She then began a storyline romance with Chris Masters in December 2009 , becoming his valet . In January 2010 , the WWE Divas Championship was declared vacant and a tournament was set up to determine the new champion . Eve made it to the semi @-@ finals , before being defeated by the eventual winner , Maryse . At WrestleMania XXVI , Eve was on the losing team in a 10 @-@ Diva tag team match , but the following night on Raw , she pinned Maryse in a rematch to earn the victory for her team .

On the April 5 episode of Raw , Eve won a " Dress to Impress " battle royal to become the number one contender to the Divas Championship , and the following week on Raw , she defeated Maryse to win the championship for the first time . She successfully defended the championship against Maryse at the Over the Limit pay @-@ per @-@ view in May . At the Fatal 4 @-@ Way pay @-@

per @-@ view in June , Eve lost the championship in a fatal four @-@ way match , when Alicia Fox pinned Maryse to win the championship . On the July 5 episode of Raw , Eve invoked her rematch clause against Fox but was unsuccessful after Fox feigned an ankle injury . As a result , she received another rematch at the Money in the Bank pay per @-@ view , but lost again to Fox . In mid @-@ 2010 , she began acting as the valet for R @-@ Truth .

At the Royal Rumble on January 30 , 2011 , the Raw General Manager added Eve to a two @-@ on @-@ one handicap match for the Divas Championship , turning it into a four @-@ way match . Eve pinned Layla to win the match and become a two @-@ time Divas Champion . She retained the championship against Natalya in a Lumberjill match on the February 14 episode of Raw , and against Nikki Bella on the March 7 episode . She held the championship until the April 11 episode of Raw , when she lost it to Brie Bella .

Eve then formed an alliance with Kelly Kelly , and after Kelly won the Divas Championship in June , Eve accompanied her to the ring during her matches . Eve and Kelly began feuding with The Divas of Doom ( Beth Phoenix and Natalya ) , and after Phoenix won the Divas Championship from Kelly , Eve defeated Natalya to earn a match against Phoenix for the championship . She faced Phoenix at the Vengeance pay @-@ per @-@ view , but was unsuccessful in capturing the title . On the October 31 episode of Raw , Eve won a battle royal to become the number one contender to the Divas Championship . She received her championship match at the Survivor Series pay @-@ per @-@ view , but lost a Lumberjill match to Phoenix . She later described the match as her favorite .

= = = = Authority figure ( 2011 ? 2013 ) = = = =

Eve moved into a storyline with Zack Ryder in December 2011 , and the pair won a mixed tag team match against Natalya and Tyson Kidd on the December 26 episode of Raw . On the January 9 , 2012 , episode of Raw , Eve agreed to a date with Ryder , beginning a storyline relationship . Eve quickly became involved in the storyline between Ryder , his ally John Cena , and Kane , the latter of whom began targeting Ryder . After injuring Ryder , Kane turned his attention to Eve , and tried to attack her until he was stopped by Cena . On the February 6 episode of Raw , Eve suffered a legitimate broken nose when Beth Phoenix clotheslined her during a match . The following week , John Cena saved Eve from being kidnapped by Kane , and Eve kissed him in thanks . Ryder witnessed it , and she later told Ryder she hoped they could be friends . On the February 20 episode of Raw , Eve turned into a villainess for the first time in her career , after she confessed backstage to The Bella Twins that she had never liked Zack Ryder , and had disingenuously used him for publicity and planned to take advantage of Cena the same way . Cena overheard her revelation and scorned her as she begged for forgiveness . Eve justified her actions by stating she was not a " damsel in distress " and was proud of her beauty allowing her to seduce men . She wrestled her first match as a villainess on the March 2 episode of SmackDown , defeating Natalya . Ryder returned on the March 5 episode of Raw , confronting Eve over her recent actions , but she managed to seduce him into forgiving her . At WrestleMania XXVIII , Eve and Beth Phoenix lost to Kelly Kelly and Extra correspondent Maria Menounos in a tag team match . Later that night , she accompanied Ryder to the ring for the Team Johnny vs. Team Teddy match , where she distracted Ryder , costing him and Team Teddy the match . Afterwards , Eve delivered a low blow to Ryder .

As a result of her actions during the match , John Laurinaitis appointed Eve the Executive Administrator of Raw and SmackDown . As her first order of business as Executive Administrator , on the April 30 episode of Raw , Eve fired the Bella Twins backstage . Despite her new authority figure role , she continued to participate in matches throughout mid @-@ 2012 . On the August 10 episode of SmackDown , Eve asked SmackDown General Manager Booker T if she could be his assistant , but Kaitlyn was given the job instead . Eve threatened Booker that she would tell the Board of Directors about his discriminatory hiring practices , and was given a match against Kaitlyn the following week to determine who would become his assistant , which Eve won , and got the job .

In August , she began a storyline where she acted friendly and nice , diminishing her heel characteristics . As part of this apparent personality change , she shook hands with her rival Kaitlyn

following a match and teamed with her and Layla on the September 10 episode of Raw . At the Night of Champions pay @-@ per @-@ view , Kaitlyn was attacked and injured by a masked figure backstage , and as a result , Eve replaced Kaitlyn in a match against Divas Champion Layla . Eve won the match , becoming the first ever record three time Divas Champion . After Kaitlyn revealed that her attacker was blonde , Eve accused Beth Phoenix , and attacked her on the September 24 episode of Raw . The following week , Eve suspended Phoenix , pending an investigation into Kaitlyn 's attack , however Phoenix 's suspension was reversed by Booker T , and Eve blamed Teddy Long for telling her to suspend Phoenix . It was later revealed that Kaitlyn was attacked by Aksana , on Eve 's orders . On the October 8 episode of Raw , Eve defeated Kaitlyn via submission to retain the Divas Championship . Following the match , Eve attempted to re @-@ injure Kaitlyn , but was stopped by Layla . The following week , she defeated Layla to retain the championship . The three @-@ way feud led to a match at the Hell in a Cell pay @-@ per @-@ view , where Eve retained the Divas Championship against Layla and Kaitlyn in a triple threat match . Eve continued to feud with the duo , facing them in tag team matches with multiple partners , and defeating Kaitlyn at Survivor Series to retain the championship . At TLC : Tables , Ladders & Chairs , Eve stopped Kaitlyn from winning a number one contender 's match , and defeated winner Naomi to retain the title later that night . Kaitlyn won a non @-@ title match against Eve , and won the subsequent title match by disqualification on December 18 , however Eve retained the championship . A rematch occurred on the January 7 , 2013 , episode of Raw , in which Eve successfully defended the championship after losing by count @-@ out . The following week , on the special " 20th Anniversary " episode of Raw , Eve lost the Divas Championship to Kaitlyn . Following the loss , Eve immediately quit WWE in the storyline .

In reality , Torres had asked for her release from the company in December 2012 to focus on her role as an instructor for the Gracie Women Empowered Self @-@ defense program . She returned to WWE for one night only , on December 9 , 2013 , presenting the Slammy Award for Diva of the Year to The Bella Twins . Since April 2014 , she has served as an ambassador for the WWE .

= = Other media = =

In August 2008 , Torres , along with fellow WWE Divas Maria and Candice Michelle , appeared on an episode of Sunset Tan . On October 2 , 2008 , Torres and Maria appeared on a special episode of Magic 's Biggest Secrets Finally Revealed . Torres appeared on the November 3 , 2009 episode of Deal or No Deal with Maria and Dolph Ziggler . On July 1 , 2012 , Torres , Kelly Kelly , and Michelle McCool appeared on Extreme Weight Loss . In 2012 , she was part of NBC 's celebrity reality competition series called Stars Earn Stripes ; she won the competition on September 3 , earning over \$ 100 @,@ 000 for her charity , the USO . On September 7 , 2012 , Torres appeared on G4 's Attack of the Show for an interview .

Torres , along with Maryse and Michelle McCool , appeared in the January 2009 issue of Muscle & Fitness magazine .

On April 30 , 2012 , it was announced that Torres would be featured in the WWE Studios and Kare Production Project " Les reines du ring " ( English : Queens of the Ring ) , alongside fellow wrestlers The Miz and CM Punk . In mid @-@ 2013 , Torres filmed a role for the film The Scorpion King 4 : Quest for Power , which was released in 2015 . She later earned a role in Matador as Reyna Flores , a journalist reporting on the leading character 's career . The show was cancelled after a single season .

= = = Television = = =

= = = Films = = =

= = Personal life = =

Torres is trained in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu , and holds a purple belt from the Gracie Jiu Jitsu Academy based in Torrance , California . Torres also participates in kickboxing . She is a spokeswoman and head instructor for the Gracie Women Empowered Self defense program . Torres married Rener Gracie in April 2014 . She gave birth to her first child , a boy , named Raeven Gracie , on September 28 , 2015 .

= = In wrestling = =

Finishing moves

Evesault ( Moonsault )

Handspring standing moonsault

The Heart Breaker ( Snap swinging neckbreaker )

Signature moves

Cross armbreaker

Enzuigiri

Fujiwara armbar , sometimes transitioned into a triangle choke

Hangman 's choke

Schoolgirl roll @-@ up

Somersault senton

Standing moonsault , with theatrics

Straight jacket

Wrestlers managed

Cryme Tyme ( Shad Gaspard and JTG )

Chris Masters

R @-@ Truth

Zack Ryder

Nicknames

" Hoeski "

" The Hellacious Heartbreaker "

Entrance themes

" She Looks Good " by Jim Johnston

= = Championships and accomplishments = =

Pro Wrestling Illustrated

PWI ranked her # 5 of the best 50 female singles wrestlers in the PWI Female 50 in 2010

World Wrestling Entertainment / WWE

WWE Divas Championship ( 3 times )

WWE Diva Search ( 2007 )