

= John Morrison (wrestler) =

John Randall Hennigan (born October 3 , 1979) is an American professional wrestler and actor , who is best known for his tenure with the WWE where he was better known by his ring names John Morrison and Johnny Nitro . He currently wrestles for Lucha Underground under the ring name Johnny Mundo .

Hennigan entered Tough Enough III , a televised competition that would award the winner a WWE contract . Hennigan won the competition and was assigned to their developmental territory , Ohio Valley Wrestling (OVW) , to continue his wrestling training . While situated at OVW , he adopted the ring name Johnny Nitro and was placed in a tag team with Joey Mercury . The duo won the OVW Southern Tag Team Championship and alongside their manager Melina , the stable was called MNM .

After signing with WWE , MNM was called up to the SmackDown ! roster and on their debut match in April 2005 , Hennigan and Mercury won the WWE Tag Team Championship . In 2005 , Hennigan won five championships ; three WWE Tag Team Championships and two WWE Intercontinental Championships . After MNM split , Hennigan 's ring name changed to John Morrison and he formed a partnership with The Miz in late 2007 , with the two capturing the WWE Tag Team Championship and the World Tag Team Championship on separate occasions , and winning the 2008 Tag Team of the Year Slammy Award . During his tenure with WWE , Hennigan won nine championships . He is a three @-@ time WWE Intercontinental Champion , a record @-@ tying four @-@ time WWE Tag Team Champion (once with The Miz and three times with Joey Mercury) , a one @-@ time World Tag Team Champion with The Miz , and a one @-@ time ECW World Champion .

In November 2011 , Hennigan left WWE , and began wrestling overseas and on the independent circuit before signing with Lucha Underground in September 2014 . Hennigan won the main event of the debut episode , as well as the first ladder match and steel cage match of Lucha Underground . He also represented Lucha Underground in the 2015 and 2016 Lucha Libre World Cups , winning the latter tournament . He is a one @-@ time Lucha Underground Champion , a one @-@ time Gift of the Gods Champion and one @-@ time Lucha Underground Trios Champion with PJ Black and Jack Evans . He is the second wrestler in Lucha Underground history to have won all three championships .

= = Professional wrestling career = =

= = = World Wrestling Entertainment / WWE = = =

= = = = Tough Enough and Ohio Valley Wrestling (2002 ? 2003) = = = =

Before getting into professional wrestling , Hennigan attended the University of California at Davis studying both film and geology . Upon deciding that he did not want to pursue either path , Hennigan began his professional wrestling career training at the Supreme Pro Wrestling school in Sacramento , California . After failing his audition for Tough Enough 2 , he was accepted as a cast member for Tough Enough III in 2002 , eventually becoming the co @-@ winner with Matt Cappotelli . For winning , Hennigan was awarded a WWE developmental contract and assigned to WWE 's developmental territory , Ohio Valley Wrestling (OVW) , to continue his training . Hennigan competed in the Acolytes Protection Agency 's invitational Bar Room Brawl match at Vengeance in July 2003 . Hennigan and Cappotelli made an appearance on an episode of Heat in January 2004 , losing to Garrison Cade and Mark Jindrak in a tag team match .

= = = = Eric Bischoff 's assistant and apprentice (2004) = = = =

On March 1 , 2004 , Hennigan debuted on the Raw brand under the ring name " Johnny Blaze " .

His gimmick was that he was the apprentice and assistant of the Raw General Manager , Eric Bischoff . The next week his name was changed to " Johnny Spade " , and three weeks after that it was changed to " Johnny Nitro " . The Nitro name , which finally stuck , was a reference to WCW Monday Nitro , the flagship show of World Championship Wrestling for which Bischoff had previously worked . To drive the point home , he began using the Nitro theme as his ring entrance music . Nitro acted as Bischoff 's apprentice and assistant until June , when he was sent back to OVW . To explain his departure , Nitro lost a match on June 7 episode of Raw against Eugene , which carried the stipulation that upon his loss , he also lost his job .

= = = = MNM and championship reigns (2004 ? 2007) = = = =

Upon his return to OVW , Nitro was put into a feud with his former partner Matt Cappotelli . During the course of the feud Melina was brought into the company as Nitro 's ex @-@ girlfriend and an ally of Cappotelli , only to turn on him and side with Nitro . Not long after , Nitro and Melina were joined by Joey Mercury , forming the stable MNM . MNM wrestled in OVW for around a year , holding the OVW Southern Tag Team Championship once , before being called up to the main SmackDown ! roster in April 2005 .

In their first match for the brand , they won the WWE Tag Team Championship from Rey Mysterio and Eddie Guerrero . MNM held the titles for three months , having successful titles defenses against the teams of Mysterio and Guerrero and Hardcore Holly and Charlie Haas , before dropping them to the Legion of Doom (LOD) at The Great American Bash . They won the titles again in a four @-@ way match defeating The Mexicools , William Regal and Paul Burchill , and LOD , but lost them to Mysterio and Batista days before Armageddon in December . Due to help from Mark Henry , MNM defeated Mysterio and Batista in a rematch on December 30 to win the championship for the third time . They began a rivalry with the team of Paul London and Brian Kendrick that lasted over three months , until they dropped the championship to London and Kendrick at Judgment Day in May , with the storyline leading to Nitro and Melina suddenly turning on Mercury after the match , breaking up the group . Later that night , Melina and Nitro were booked off the SmackDown ! brand by having the General Manager , Theodore Long , " fire " them .

The next week Nitro , along with Melina , debuted on the Raw brand in a loss to WWE Champion John Cena . Nitro was immediately placed in the WWE Intercontinental Championship picture , beginning his first reign at Vengeance in June defeating champion Shelton Benjamin in a triple threat match also involving Carlito . Nitro held the belt for four months , feuding with several challengers before losing it to Jeff Hardy on October 2 episode of Raw . Nitro then engaged in a feud with Hardy . Nitro recaptured the Intercontinental Championship from Hardy on November 6 when the General Manager for the night , Eric Bischoff , restarted a match that Nitro lost by disqualification . The next week , however , Hardy won the title back .

In addition , Nitro was featured in a sporadic feud with John Cena throughout 2006 . The feud was unique in that it also involved non @-@ wrestler Kevin Federline , who appeared on October 16 episode of Raw . Federline was then , in storyline , trained by Nitro for a match with Cena , which he won after interference from Umaga .

In November , MNM reunited on an episode of Raw to accept an open challenge from The Hardys (Jeff and Matt Hardy) at December to Dismember , a match that they lost . MNM and the Hardys feuded across the brands throughout December , with the feud intensifying after Mercury was legitimately injured at Armageddon in a four @-@ way ladder match . Mercury wrestled Matt on SmackDown ! , while Nitro continued to feud with Jeff for the Intercontinental Championship on Raw , including a steel cage match at New Year 's Revolution . MNM lost to The Hardys at the Royal Rumble , and again at No Way Out in February which ended the feud . MNM continued on and off as a team until Mercury was released from WWE in March 2007 .

Without Mercury , Nitro 's association with Melina was played down as she began competing for the WWE Women 's Championship . Nitro was paired up with Kenny Dykstra , until the 2007 WWE Draft , during which Nitro was sent to the ECW brand and Dykstra was sent to SmackDown ! .

===== ECW World Champion and teaming with The Miz (2007 ? 2009) =====

Nitro made his ECW debut on June 19 with a win over Nunzio , and few days later , on June 24 , at Vengeance : Night of Champions , he won the vacant ECW World Championship in a match against CM Punk , making it his first World Championship in WWE , when he was called upon to replace the missing Chris Benoit due to a " family emergency " .

A few weeks after getting the title , Nitro 's ring name was changed to " John Morrison " and his gimmick was tweaked to be even more conceited and self ? aggrandizing ? in addition to being modelled after Jim Morrison (1943 ? 1971) , the legendary frontman of the 1960s rock band The Doors , to whom Nitro bears a strong physical resemblance . After defeating CM Punk again at The Great American Bash , he began taking part in a " 15 Minutes of Fame " segment on the weekly ECW on Sci Fi television program , where if a wrestler could either defeat him or last 15 minutes without being defeated , they would earn a title shot . The first wrestler to do so was CM Punk , which set up another match between the two at SummerSlam . Morrison won by illegally using the ring ropes for leverage . The next week , Punk again became the number one contender ; this time , however , Punk won the championship . Morrison was then suspended for thirty days for violating WWE 's Wellness Program , renewing his feud with Punk upon his return , as well as competing against The Miz for the number one contendership to the title .

Though rivals , Morrison and The Miz faced the dysfunctional tag team of Matt Hardy and Montel Vontavious Porter on the November 16 episode of SmackDown ! for the WWE Tag Team Championship in a winning effort , marking Morrison 's fourth WWE Tag Team Championship . At Survivor Series , Morrison and The Miz were both defeated by CM Punk in a triple threat match for the ECW Championship . After the defeat , the rivalry aspect of Miz and Morrison 's relationship faded , as they were now portrayed as trusting friends . In February 2008 , Morrison and The Miz were given a streaming segment on WWE.com named The Dirt Sheet in which they mocked other wrestlers and facets of pop culture . Morrison and The Miz co @-@ wrote each episode of The Dirt Sheet each week , and he credits his time in college studying film with contributing to the success of the show . On July 4 episode of Smackdown , Morrison lost to Jeff Hardy who re @-@ debuted on Smackdown after the 2008 WWE Draft . The team had many successful title defenses over the next few months , before dropping the titles to Curt Hawkins and Zack Ryder at The Great American Bash in a fatal four @-@ way match which also featured Jesse and Festus and Finlay and Hornswoggle . Neither The Miz nor Morrison were pinned , as Hawkins pinned Jesse to win the titles .

Afterwards , they started a feud with Cryme Tyme (Shad Gaspard and JTG) through each team 's Internet show , which then transitioned to matches on Raw and at Cyber Sunday . After winning the Slammy Award for Best WWE.com exclusive earlier in the day , Morrison and The Miz won the " Tag Team of the Year " Slammy Award on December 8 , 2008 episode of Raw . On December 13 , Morrison and The Miz won the World Tag Team Championship from CM Punk and Kofi Kingston at a Raw live event . Morrison and the Miz engaged themselves in a feud with The Colóns (Carlito and Primo) , who were the reigning WWE Tag Team champions which resulted in both teams defending their respective championships successfully in separate matches . Their feud culminated in a tag team lumberjack match on the WrestleMania XXV pre @-@ show where both titles were on the line , but it was The Colóns who would unify the championships with a win . As part of the 2009 WWE Draft on April 13 , The Miz was drafted to the Raw brand to split up the team , and , as a result , Miz attacked Morrison .

===== Championship pursuits and Intercontinental Champion (2009 ? 2010) =====

On April 15 , 2009 , Morrison returned to the SmackDown brand as part of the 2009 Supplemental Draft . In Morrison 's first match back for the brand , on April 17 , he defeated R @-@ Truth . On the May 1 episode of SmackDown , Morrison engaged in a backstage fight with Chris Jericho , after Jericho slapped him , thus turning into a face (fan favorite character) for the first time in his career . At Judgment Day , Morrison defeated Benjamin in a rematch . Morrison would soon become wildly

popular with fans . On June 19 , John Morrison lost a critically acclaimed match against Edge , in which the commentators described it as a " third main event " . On July 31 episode of SmackDown , Morrison had his first World Heavyweight Championship match against champion Jeff Hardy , but failed to win the title . On September 4 episode of SmackDown , Morrison defeated Rey Mysterio to win his third Intercontinental Championship . At the TLC : Tables , Ladders & Chairs pay @-@ per @-@ view , Morrison lost the Intercontinental Championship to Drew McIntyre .

In 2010 , Morrison formed a friendship with R @-@ Truth . He won an Elimination Chamber pay @-@ per @-@ view qualifying match and participated but lost and failed to capture the World Heavyweight Championship . Morrison and Truth defeated Cryme Tyme and The Hart Dynasty to earn a Unified WWE Tag Team Championship match at WrestleMania XXVI against ShoMiz (The Big Show and The Miz) . At the event , they failed to win the championship .

= = = = Final storylines and departure (2010 ? 2011) = = = =

On April 26 , Morrison was drafted to the Raw brand as part of the 2010 WWE Draft , and lost his first match back for the brand later that night to Jack Swagger . Later that week , in his final match on SmackDown , he lost to Cody Rhodes . On June 1 , Morrison announced that he would be mentoring Eli Cottonwood in the second season of WWE NXT . Cottonwood , however , was the second person eliminated from the competition , and was eliminated on July 27 episode of NXT .

Morrison then went on to participate in the main event of SummerSlam in which he and six teammates (John Cena , Edge , Chris Jericho , R @-@ Truth , Daniel Bryan , and Bret Hart) were victorious in a seven @-@ on @-@ seven elimination tag team match against The Nexus . At Survivor Series , Morrison beat Sheamus . In November 2010 , Morrison entered the 2010 edition of the King of the Ring tournament , defeating Tyson Kidd , Cody Rhodes , and Alberto Del Rio . Morrison lost to Sheamus in the final round . He continued to feud with Sheamus , and defeated him in a WWE Championship number one contender 's ladder match at the Tables , Ladders & Chairs pay @-@ per @-@ view on December 19 . Morrison received his WWE Championship match on January 3 , 2011 episode of Raw , but lost to reigning champion The Miz in a falls count anywhere match .

On January 30 , Morrison participated in the Royal Rumble match at the Royal Rumble event and despite not winning , he had a stand @-@ out moment which was praised by critics as " arguably the spot of the decade " when Morrison was knocked off of the ring apron and performed a cat leap onto the barricade to avoid having his feet touch the floor and then went on to precision jump onto the ring steps and re @-@ enter the ring . On February 20 , Morrison participated in the Raw Elimination Chamber match at the Elimination Chamber pay @-@ per @-@ view event but was eliminated by CM Punk . During the match Morrison climbed to the top of the cage while inside the cage before dropping to deliver a crossbody on and eliminate Sheamus . At WrestleMania XXVII , Morrison teamed with Trish Stratus and Jersey Shore guest star Snooki in a mixed tag match to defeat the team of Dolph Ziggler , Michelle McCool and Layla .

Morrison participated in a five @-@ man gauntlet match for the number one contender 's spot for the WWE Championship on April 11 episode of Raw , but was eliminated by R @-@ Truth . The next week on Raw , Morrison challenged R @-@ Truth to a match later on in the night , with the stipulation that if Morrison won , he would take R @-@ Truth 's place in the steel cage match at Extreme Rules . Truth accepted , and lost the match , making Morrison the new number one contender . At Extreme Rules , R @-@ Truth interfered in the match , attacking Morrison and preventing him from winning the match . The next night on Raw , Morrison was attacked by Truth again , prior to a scheduled match between the two which did not happen as a result . Morrison then underwent surgery to correct a legitimately pinched nerve in his neck .

Morrison initially returned on June 13 episode of Raw , but R @-@ Truth attacked him again prior to their scheduled match , re @-@ injuring him . Morrison returned again on July 25 episode of Raw , attacking R @-@ Truth . At SummerSlam , Morrison competed in a six @-@ man tag team match , teaming with Kofi Kingston and Rey Mysterio to defeat R @-@ Truth , Alberto Del Rio and The Miz . The following night on Raw , Morrison defeated R @-@ Truth in a Falls Count Anywhere match to

end their feud . At Night of Champions , Morrison competed in a Fatal 4-Way match for the WWE United States Championship , also involving Alex Riley , Jack Swagger and Dolph Ziggler , in which Ziggler successfully retained his title . Morrison then challenged Rhodes for the Intercontinental Championship twice , first on September 26 episode of Raw in a 10 man battle royal and later at the Hell in a Cell pay per view but failed to win on both occasions . Following this he then went on a losing streak , lasting a number of weeks . On November 7 episode of Raw , Morrison picked up his first victory in three months , over United States Champion Dolph Ziggler in a non-title match , ending the losing streak . He then faced Ziggler for the championship at Survivor Series but lost .

On Morrison 's last advertised WWE appearance on November 28 episode of Raw , Morrison faced his former tag team partner The Miz in a Falls Count Anywhere match . The Miz won the match by delivering his Skull Crushing Finale maneuver on the steel stage . This was used as an injury angle to write Morrison off television , as Morrison was stretchered away after the match . On November 29 , WWE acknowledged the end of Morrison 's contract , and moved his profile to the alumni section of its website .

In a video published on December 9 , 2011 via Hennigan 's personal YouTube channel , Hennigan claimed that he was taking time off to heal and retrain for a possible return to wrestling in the future . Hennigan also stated in multiple interviews in 2015 that he would consider going back to WWE , but does not plan on " going anywhere in the near future " due to being signed to Lucha Underground .

=== Independent circuit (2012 ? present) ===

After leaving WWE , Hennigan began wrestling on the independent circuit under his real name and as John Morrison . On his first post-WWE wrestling appearance , Hennigan rekindled an old feud facing off against Shelton Benjamin in the main event of the World Wrestling Fan Xperience (WWFX) Champions Showcase Tour in Manila , Philippines on February 4 , 2012 . Hennigan won the match to become the inaugural WWFX Heavyweight Champion . On August 12 , 2012 , Hennigan appeared at Juggalo Championship Wrestling 's Bloodymania 6 event , defeating Matt Hardy and Breyer Wellington in a three-way match . On January 25 , 2013 , Morrison appeared at Dragon Gate USA 's Open the Golden Gate , defeating Akira Tozawa in the main event of the show . Hennigan took part in the WrestleMania weekend , wrestling for the Pro Wrestling Syndicate . On April 4 , Hennigan defeated Elijah Burke and on April 5 , Morrison defeated Japanese legend Jushin Thunder Liger in an " International Dream Match " at a Pro Wrestling Syndicate (PWS) event . On April 19 , Hennigan again defeated Sami Callihan in a no count-out , no disqualification falls count anywhere match at a 2CW event in Rome , New York . The next day , he defeated Kevin Steen at 2CW 's first iPPV (Living on the Edge VIII) , in Watertown , New York .

On June 21 , 2013 , Hennigan defeated Carlito Caribbean Cool in FWE Welcome to the Rumble II , winning the FWE Heavyweight Championship . The next day , Hennigan defended the title against Too Cold Scorpio at House of Hardcore 2 . On September 6 and 8 , Morrison wrestled against WWL World Heavyweight Champion Black Pain for the title , but he was defeated both times . On October 12 , 2013 , at FWE Grand Prix , Hennigan defeated Matt Morgan , retaining the FWE Heavyweight Championship . On March 11 , 2015 , Hennigan lost the FWE Heavyweight Championship to A.J. Styles . Morrison faced Rob Van Dam at Pro Wrestling Syndicate in Rahway , New Jersey on October 24 , 2015 in a winning effort . After the match , Morrison shook hands with Van Dam and led the crowd in an " RVD " chant .

On June 28 , 2016 , it was announced that Hennigan would make his debut for Pro Wrestling Guerilla in the company 's annual Battle of Los Angeles tournament .

=== Lucha Underground (2014 ? present) ===

In September 2014 , it was reported that Hennigan had signed with the El Rey network 's new television series , Lucha Underground , where he wrestled under the ring name Johnny Mundo .

Mundo wrestled in the main event of the debut episode of Lucha Underground on October 29 , 2014 , defeating Prince Puma and winning one hundred thousand dollars , which was then taken away from him by promoter Dario Cueto , setting up several feuds . He then teamed with Prince Puma during the November 5 , 2014 episode , defeating Cortez Castro and Mr. Cisco . On the November 19 episode , Mundo defeated Big Ryck by disqualification after interference by Castro and Cisco . Mundo then defeated Prince Puma and Big Ryck in the main event of the December 10 , 2014 episode , which was a three @-@ way ladder match , to finally win the hundred thousand dollars he was denied in the Lucha Underground debut .

On January 7 , 2015 , Mundo participated in a 20 @-@ man " Aztec Warfare " battle royal for the Lucha Underground Championship . He was the second luchador to enter the ring , but was the last man eliminated by Prince Puma who won the Championship . King Cuerno attacked Mundo on the February 4 episode , beginning a feud between them ; the second installment took place on the episode which aired March 11 , where Mundo and Cuerno wrestled in a Steel Cage match , which was won by Mundo . On the April 15 episode of Lucha Underground , Mundo along with Prince Puma and Hernandez were defeated by King Cuerno , Cage and Texano in a quarterfinal trios tournament match for a shot at the Lucha Underground Trios Championship .

On the May 6 , episode of Lucha Underground , Mundo was defeated by Alberto El Patrón in a number two contenders match for the Lucha Underground Championship . The week after , Mundo turned heel (or rudo) when he attacked El Patrón in his match against Hernandez , throwing him through the window of Dario Cueto . Mundo subsequently tossed El Patrón back into the ring , giving Hernandez the win . After Mundo turned rudo , his character was tweaked to become more " cocky " and " ego @-@ centric " , similarly to his villainous Johnny Nitro and John Morrison characters . On the June 17 , episode of Lucha Underground , Johnny Mundo unsuccessfully challenged Prince Puma for the Lucha Underground Championship in an Iron Man match . On August 5 , 2015 , at Ultima Lucha , Mundo defeated Alberto El Patrón after an interference by his girlfriend Melina Perez .

On the February 3 , 2016 episode of Lucha Underground , Mundo faced Killshot in a winning effort . After the match , Mundo taunted Lucha Underground Champion Mil Muertes , only to be confronted by Cage . On the February 17 episode of Lucha Underground , Mundo would attack Cage from behind after his match against Joey Ryan . Mundo defeated Cage on February 24 , after interference from the debuting Taya , subsequently becoming Mundo 's valet .

On the May 25 episode of Lucha Underground , Taya revealed to PJ Black and Jack Evans that their partner Fénix was injured by Mundo . As Mundo revealed himself as Fénix 's replacement for their match , Black and Evans allied with the two . Later that night in the main event , Mundo , Black and Evans defeated Rey Mysterio Jr . , Prince Puma and Dragon Azteca Jr. to win the Lucha Underground Trios Championship , the first championship for each in Lucha Underground . The week after , Mundo , Black and Evans retained their championships in a rematch via disqualification . During the match , Mundo delivered a low blow to Azteca Jr. while Taya distracted the referee . After seeing Mundo 's actions , Puma hit a low blow to Mundo , causing a disqualification towards Puma 's team . On the June 8 episode of Lucha Underground , Mundo teamed up with Taya , Ivelisse , Fénix , King Cuerno and Pentagón Jr. in a 12 @-@ man tag team match where the winning team would go on to face each other in a six @-@ man elimination match to determine the No. 1 contender for the Lucha Underground Championship . Mundo 's team won defeating Rey Mysterio Jr . , Prince Puma , Sexy Star , The Mack , Son of Havoc and El Texano Jr . The week after , Mundo lost the six @-@ man elimination match which was won by Pentagón Jr . Mundo , Black and Evans lost their titles to Aero Star , Drago and Fénix at the third and final part Ultima Lucha Dos , which aired on July 20 .

On March 19 , Mundo defeated Sexy Star to win the Gift of the Gods Championship . On April 10 , he cashed in his Gift of the Gods Championship on Sexy Star before defeating her to win the Lucha Underground Championship , becoming the second Triple Crown Champion in Lucha Underground history . He lost the title to Prince Puma at Ultima Lucha Tres on June 26 .

= = = Asistencia Asesoría y Administración (2015 ? present) = = =

On May 24 , 2015 , Mundo made his debut for Asistencia Asesoría y Administración at the Lucha Libre World Cup event as a member of " Team TNA / Lucha Underground " along with Matt Hardy and Mr. Anderson . They finished in second place , losing in the finals to the " Dream Team " (El Patrón Alberto , Myzteziz and Rey Mysterio Jr .) . On June 4 , 2015 , at Verano de Escándalo , Mundo teamed with El Mesias and Pentagón Jr. losing to Myzteziz , La Parka and Rey Mysterio Jr . On September 27 , Konnan announced Mundo as an official member of the rudo stable , La Nueva Sociedad , while he subsequently stepped down as the leader of the group . On October 4 , at Héroes Inmortales IX , Mundo unsuccessfully challenged El Patrón Alberto for the AAA Mega Championship , when he was defeated by disqualification . Mundo participated in the 2016 Lucha Libre World Cup as a member of " Team Lucha Underground " alongside Chavo Guerrero Jr. and Brian Cage , defeating " Team Mexico Leyendas " (Blue Demon Jr . , Canek and La Parka) in the quarter @-@ finals , and " Team Mexico International " (Rey Mysterio Jr . , Dr. Wagner Jr. and Dragon Azteca Jr .) in the semi @-@ finals . Mundo 's team won the tournament defeating " Team AAA " (Pentagón Jr . , El Texano Jr. and Psycho Clown) in the finals .

Mundo will face Pentagón Jr. at Triplemanía XXIV on August 28 for the AAA Latin American Championship .

= = Other media = =

In 2009 , Hennigan and Maryse Ouellet were interviewed on Eurosport . In 2009 , Hennigan appeared on two episodes of Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader ? , which were both aired on September 29 . Hennigan is the subject of a WWE DVD , called John Morrison ? Rock Star , which was released on February 16 , 2010 . The DVD covers his career from his name change to John Morrison up until his Intercontinental Championship win in September 2009 . He appeared on an episode of Destroy Build Destroy on March 3 , 2010 . Hennigan was on the cover of Muscle & Fitness in June 2010 , with the issue also featuring an interview and photo shoot .

After leaving WWE in 2011 , Hennigan started to pursue acting as a career and as a way to improve his promo skills . His first role was as a wrestler in Weird Al 's Broadway Style Cabaret Review . He has also had roles in Legion of the Black , The Factory and Tournament of Nerds . In 2013 , he co @-@ starred in 20 Feet Below : The Darkness Descending with Melina Perez . In 2014 he played Hercules in the movie Hercules Reborn and appeared as Casey Jones in an episode of Bat in the Sun 's Superpower Beatdown where he will go up against Kick @-@ Ass . Also , in 2014 he appeared in a movie called " American Justice " starring Tommy Lister. In winter of 2014 , Hennigan , under his John Morrison name , will appear in an upcoming web series for Bat in the Sun titled Operation Black Unicorn alongside Bat in the Sun regular Kevin Porter and starring Power Rangers alumni Jason David Frank and Jason Faunt . Hennigan also appears as a cameo in the first episode of Video Game High School 's third season and in YOMYOMF 's promotional video . Hennigan portrayed the character " The Hammer " in the wrestling themed Air Bud spin @-@ off Russell Madness . In 2015 , Hennigan signed on to play the lead role in the action horror film Diablo Steel , to be released in 2016 .

In 2016 , Hennigan , Rey Mysterio , and King Cuerno appeared on ESPN to promote the second season of Lucha Underground . In March 2016 , Hennigan was a guest on the Rooster Teeth web show , Free Play .

= = Personal life = =

Hennigan has two sisters and grew up in Palos Verdes , California , where he attended high school . He graduated from the University of California , Davis in 2002 with a film major . He cites Shawn Michaels , Randy Savage , and Curt Hennig as his favorite wrestlers . Hennigan is good friends with fellow professional wrestlers The Miz , Zack Ryder , Dolph Ziggler , Randy Orton and Matt Cappotelli . Hennigan is currently in a long term , on @-@ off relationship with former WWE Diva Melina Perez ; whom he met in Tough Enough auditions in 2001 , although Perez didn 't make the

final cut .

Hennigan has a passion for parkour and frequently incorporates it into his wrestling style .

= = In wrestling = =

Finishing moves

As Johnny Mundo

End of the World / Fin del Mundo (Split @-@ legged corkscrew moonsault)

As John Morrison / John Hennigan

C @-@ 4 (Standing moonsault side slam) ? early 2011 ; used as a signature thereafter

Moonlight Drive (Corkscrew neckbreaker) ? 2007 ? 2009 ; used as a signature thereafter

Starship Pain (Split @-@ legged corkscrew moonsault) ? 2009 ? present

As Johnny Nitro

Nitro Blast (Superkick)

Signature moves

180 ° spun flare transitioned into a leg drop

Belly to back wheelbarrow facebuster

Corkscrew moonsault

Corkscrew plancha

Diving crossbody

European uppercut

Leg lariat

Multiple kick variations

Capoeira @-@ style handstand

Capoeira @-@ style spinning heel

Dropsault

Double mule

Enzuigiri

Flying Chuck (Springboard roundhouse)

Pelé Kick (Backflip)

Slingshot baseball slide

Russian legsweep

Running knee strike to a seated opponent 's head ? sometimes used as a finisher

Shooting star plancha

Slingshot or a springboard elbow drop

Spear

Springboard 450 ° plancha

Standing shooting star press

STO backbreaker followed by either a Russian legsweep or a neckbreaker slam

Tilt @-@ a @-@ whirl DDT

Managers

Melina

Jillian Hall

Nikki Bella

Taya

Nicknames

" The Ambassador of Abdominals "

" The Guru of Greatness "

" The Honcho of Hotness "

" JoMo "

" The Monday / Tuesday / Wednesday / Friday Night Delight "

" The New Face of Extreme "

" The Prince of Parkour "

" The Shaman of Sexy "

Entrance themes

" " Monday Night Nitro Theme " by Jonathan Elias " (WWE ; 2004)

" Paparazzi " by Jim Johnston (WWE ; April 14 , 2005 ? July 2007 ; used while a part of MNM)

" Ain 't No Make Believe (Instrumental) " (WWE ; July 2007 ? August 2007)

" Ain 't No Make Believe " by Stonefree Experience (WWE ; August 2007 ? November 28 , 2011)

" Blitz & Glam " by The Jetboys (LU ; October 29 , 2014 ? present)

" Born in the USA " by Bruce Springsteen (AAA ; October 4 , 2015 ? present)

= = Championships and accomplishments = =

Asistencia Asesoría y Administración

Lucha Libre World Cup (2016 Men 's Division) ? with Chavo Guerrero Jr. and Brian Cage

Continental Wrestling Federation

CWF United States Championship (1 time)

DDT Pro @-@ Wrestling

Ironman Heavyweight Championship (1 time)

Family Wrestling Entertainment

FWE Heavyweight Championship (1 time)

Next Generation Wrestling

NGW World Championship (1 time , current)

Lucha Underground

Gift of the Gods Championship (1 time)

Lucha Underground Championship (1 time)

Lucha Underground Trios Championship (1 time) ? with Jack Evans and PJ Black

Second Triple Crown Champion

Ohio Valley Wrestling

OVW Southern Tag Team Championship (1 time) ? with Joey Mercury

Pro Wrestling Illustrated

Most Improved Wrestler of the Year (2009)

Tag Team of the Year (2005) ? with Joey Mercury

PWI ranked him No. 27 of the 500 best singles wrestlers of the year in the PWI 500 in 2010 and 2011

Qatar Pro Wrestling

QPW Souq Waqif Championship (1 time , current)

World Wrestling Entertainment

ECW World Heavyweight Championship Tournament

ECW World Championship (1 time)

WWE Intercontinental Championship (3 times)

World Tag Team Championship (1 time) ? with The Miz

WWE Tag Team Championship (4 times) ? with Joey Mercury (3) and The Miz (1)

Tough Enough III with Matt Cappotelli

Slammy Award (2 times)

Tag Team of the Year (2008) ? with The Miz

Best WWE.com Exclusive (2008) ? with The Miz

World Wrestling Fan Xperience

WWFX Heavyweight Championship (1 time)

Wrestling Observer Newsletter

Tag Team of the Year (2008) ? with The Miz