

Kevin Torres

Emmy Award winning Backpack Journalist at K*USA-TV

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Summary

Kevin Torres is a Backpack Journalist at K*USA-TV in Denver, Colorado. Before joining K*USA-TV in 2009, he worked as a Backpack Journalist at WSYR-TV in Syracuse, New York ('06-'09) and as a Weekend Anchor at WWNY-TV in Watertown, New York ('04-'06).

Aside from being a talented Storyteller, Kevin also thrives at live reporting. In 2011, he won an Emmy for "Best Live Reporter".

Kevin has also been named Reporter of the Year and Photojournalist of the Year by the New York State Associated Press and the Syracuse Press Club several times.

In 2008 he produced, shot and edited a documentary by himself about local volunteers who helped rebuild battered homes in the Gulf Coast. Kevin resides in Denver, Colorado.

For more: www.kevintorres.com

Specialties

Kevin Torres specializes in one-man-band storytelling. He works quickly and accurately to produce award winning stories. Most of the time Kevin works from the field, so he FTPs his stories back to Denver over the internet for air. He's an award-winning photographer, editor, writer, producer and reporter.

Experience

Backpack Journalist at KUSA-TV 9NEWS

September 2009 - Present (2 years 1 month)

As a Backpack Journalist, I shoot, write and edit all of my stories. I'm based out of Denver but travel throughout the states of Colorado and Wyoming frequently to tell interesting stories.

I report primarily for the 9pm and 10pm newscasts on K*USA. Since I work in the field most days, I usually FTP my stories back to the station over the internet.

Three out of five days a week, I front my stories live from the field. I'm currently learning how to operate a microwave truck so I don't have to rely on anyone else.

To see examples of my work, follow this link: <http://www.kevintorres.com>

Backpack Journalist at WSYR-TV NewsChannel 9

May 2006 - August 2009 (3 years 4 months)

I broke barriers at WSYR-TV by becoming the station's first ever Backpack Journalist in 2006. I was hired as a Reporter, but after working with photographers for two months, I asked my News Director to let me shoot and edit my own stories. After he saw what I could do, he gave me the thumbs up.

I spent the next couple of years fine-tuning the art of Backpack Storytelling. After year one, the Syracuse Press Club named me "Photographer of the Year" -- beating out the Chief Photographers at all three local stations, including my own.

Aside from shooting my own material, I was responsible for writing and editing it as well. I reported primarily for the #1 rated 11pm newscast on WSYR-TV NewsChannel 9. Most nights I would front my stories live after I finished editing them.

Right before my live shot, I would write a print copy of my story to post on the station's website -- and write/edit a VO/SOT for the morning show the following day.

2 recommendations available upon request

Weekend Anchor/Backpack Journalist at WWNY-TV 7 NEWS

2004 - 2006 (2 years)

I was hired as a Backpack Journalist at WWNY-TV my sophomore year of college. Before working at WWNY, I learned how to shoot - write - and edit at my campus TV station.

I spent a little more than two years at WWNY-TV. During that time I was able to get my feet wet and learn the ins and outs of being a Backpack Journalist.

My hard work paid off. Right before I left WWNY-TV to go to WSYR-TV, the Associated Press named me the best Small-Market Television Photographer in New York State. The AP also honored me with its award for "Excellence in Individual Reporting". At the time, I was only a senior in College.

My job at WWNY-TV provided me with all the skills I needed to move on to a medium market station. I worked four days a week, while studying full-time at college.

Each day I would shoot, write and edit my stories. Afterward, I would write a story for our website and post video to it as well.

During my time at WWNY-TV, I also served as the station's Weekend News Anchor. I produced two newscasts a day and updated the station's website hourly.

Education

State University of New York at Oswego

2002 - 2006

Honors and Awards

2011 Heartland Emmy Award: Best Live Reporter
2011 Heartland Emmy Nominee: Best Video Journalist
2011 Heartland Emmy Nominee: Best Mini-Series
2010 NPPA 4th Quarter Solo VJ: Daily
2010 NPPA 1st/4th Quarter Solo VJ: In Depth
2010 Associated Press Award: Documentary
2010 Syracuse Press Club Award: Photo Essay
2010 Syracuse Press Club Award: Mini-Series
2010 Syracuse Press Club Award: Documentary
2010 Syracuse Press Club Award: News Feature
2010 Syracuse Press Club Award: Photographer of the Year
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2009 Syracuse Press Club Award: Documentary
2009 NYS Associated Press: Best Documentary
2008 Syracuse Press Club Award: Photographer of the Year
2008 Syracuse Press Club Award: Best Mini-Series
2007 Syracuse Press Club Award: Spot News Reporting
2007 NYS Associated Press Award: Best Spot News Reporting
2005 NYS Associated Press Award: Reporting
2005 NYS Associated Press Award: Photojournalist of the Year

Interests

Hiking, Mountain Climbing, Storytelling, History and Traveling.

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2 people have recommended Kevin

"Kevin is the future of news gathering in television today! This guy has it all! His many gifts include the ability to shoot, write, produce and edit at the highest level. His technical newsgathering skills are only surpassed by his compassion and creativity, which he shares on a daily basis with each of his subjects. Kevin takes the time to get it right. He listens and allows the story to be told and shared through him instead of becoming the focus himself. A true leader and a quick study, Kevin will be a success no matter where his backpack takes him."

— **Joseph Picciotto**, *News Operations Manager/Chief Photojournalist, WSYR-TV*, managed Kevin at WSYR-TV NewsChannel 9

"Kevin has a natural ability to tell fantastic stories. He has quickly learned how to integrate technology with his own great ability to feel the story. I continue to learn from Kevin by watching his work. It was a great pleasure working with him!"

— **Scott Irving**, *Photojournalist, WSYR-TV*, worked directly with Kevin at WSYR-TV NewsChannel 9

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