

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

**GLOBAL EAGLE ENTERTAINMENT INC.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation  
or Organization)

**27-4757800**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number.)

**4353 Park Terrace Drive  
Westlake Village, California 91361  
(818) 706-3111**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code  
and Telephone Number)

**GLOBAL EAGLE ENTERTAINMENT INC. 2013 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN, AS AMENDED**

(Full Title of the Plan)

**Jay Itzkowitz, Esq.  
Vice President and General Counsel  
4353 Park Terrace Drive  
Westlake Village, California 91361  
(818) 706-3111**

(Name, Address, including Zip Code, and Telephone  
Number, including Area Code,  
of Agent for Service)

With a copy to:

**Joel L. Rubinstein, Esq.  
McDermott Will & Emery LLP  
340 Madison Avenue  
New York, New York 10173  
(212) 547-5400**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check One):

Large Accelerated Filer ☐ Accelerated Filer ☒  
Non-Accelerated Filer ☐ (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller Reporting Company ☐

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

<b>Title of Securities to be Registered</b>	<b>Amount to be Registered (1)</b>	<b>Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share</b>	<b>Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price</b>	<b>Amount of Registration Fee</b>
Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, to be issued pursuant to awards previously granted under the Global Eagle Entertainment Inc. 2013 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended	4,950,000 shares	\$10.29 (2)	\$50,935,500 (2)	\$6,560.49
Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, to be issued				

pursuant to awards to be granted under the Global Eagle Entertainment Inc. 2013 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended	2,550,000 shares	\$14.30 (3)	\$36,465,000 (3)	\$4,696.69
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- (1) Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), this registration statement shall also cover any additional shares of Common Stock which become issuable under the Global Eagle 2013 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended (the “Plan”), by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or any other similar transaction effected without the receipt of consideration which results in an increase in the number of the outstanding shares of Common Stock.
  - (2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the amount of the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(h) under the Securities Act. The price is computed based upon the weighted average exercise price (rounded to the nearest cent) for outstanding stock options granted pursuant to the Plan as of December 18, 2013.
  - (3) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the amount of the registration fee pursuant to Rules 457(c) and (h) under the Securities Act. The price is computed based upon the average of the high and low sales prices of the Registrant’s Common Stock on December 16, 2013, as reported on the NASDAQ Capital Market.
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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Registration Statement on Form S-8 registers the offer and sale of 7,500,000 shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, of Global Eagle Entertainment Inc. (the “Company”) for issuance under the Plan.

### PART I

#### INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

The documents containing the information required in this Part I will be delivered to the participants in the Plan, as specified in Rule 428(b)(1) of the Securities Act. Such documents are not required to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) as part of this Registration Statement. These documents and the documents incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement pursuant to Item 3 of Part II hereof, taken together, constitute a prospectus that meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act.

### PART II

#### INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

##### Item 3. Incorporation of Documents By Reference.

The following documents filed with the SEC by the Company pursuant to the Securities Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), are hereby incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement:

- (1) Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, filed on March 18, 2013 (File No. 001-35176);
- (2) Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2013, filed with the SEC on May 15, 2013, as amended by Form 10-Q/A (Amendment No. 1) filed with the SEC on May 15, 2013 and Form 10-Q/A (Amendment No. 2) filed on July 9, 2013 (File No. 001-35176); for the quarter ended June 30, 2013, filed with the SEC on August 9, 2013 (File No. 001-35176); and for the quarter ended September 30, 2013, filed with the SEC on November 12, 2013 (File No. 001-35176);
- (3) Current Reports on Form 8-K and Form 8-K/A, as applicable, filed on January 7, 2013, January 17, 2013, January 28, 2013, January 30, 2013, February 4, 2013, February 6, 2013 (including portions of our definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A filed on January 17, 2013 that are incorporated by reference into our Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 6, 2013), February 21, 2013, February 26, 2013, March 12, 2013, March 18, 2013, March 19, 2013, March 29, 2013, May 2, 2013, May 14, 2013, May 16, 2013, May 22, 2013, July 2, 2013, July 10, 2013 (Items 1.01 and 9.01 only), July 11, 2013, August 9, 2013, August 30, 2013, October 3, 2013, October 16, 2013, October 21, 2013 (Items 1.01, 2.03, 3.02, 8.01 and 9.01 only), December 3, 2013, December 16, 2013 (Items 8.01 and 9.01 only) and December 18, 2013 (File No. 001-35176); and
- (4) The description of the Company’s Common Stock contained in the Company’s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-172267) filed with the SEC on February 15, 2011, as thereafter amended, and incorporated into the Company’s Registration Statement on Form 8-A (File No. 001-35176) filed on May 12, 2011, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

In addition, all documents the Company subsequently files pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this Registration Statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all securities covered hereby then remaining unsold are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and are a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents.

Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein, or in any subsequently filed document, which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein, modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute part of this Registration Statement.

**Item 4. Description of Securities.**

Not applicable.

**Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.**

Not applicable.

**Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.**

Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law provides, in summary, that directors and officers of Delaware corporations are entitled, under certain circumstances, to be indemnified against all expenses and liabilities (including attorneys' fees) incurred by them as a result of suits brought against them in their capacity as a director or officer, if they acted in good faith and in a manner they reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to our best interests, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, if they had no reasonable cause to believe their conduct was unlawful; provided that no indemnification may be made against expenses in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which they shall have been adjudged to be liable to us, unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, they are fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the court shall deem proper. Any such indemnification may be made by us only as authorized in each specific case upon a determination by the stockholders, disinterested directors or independent legal counsel that indemnification is proper because the indemnitee has met the applicable standard of conduct.

Our Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation provides that our directors and officers will be indemnified by us to the fullest extent authorized by Delaware General Corporation Law as it now exists or may in the future be amended.

We have entered into agreements with our directors to provide contractual indemnification in addition to the indemnification provided in our amended and restated certificate of incorporation. We believe that these provisions and agreements are necessary to attract qualified directors. Our bylaws also permit us to secure insurance on behalf of any officer, director or employee for any liability arising out of his or her actions, regardless of whether Delaware General Corporation Law would permit indemnification. We have purchased a policy of directors' and officers' liability insurance that insures our directors and officers against the cost of defense, settlement or payment of a judgment in some circumstances and insures us against our obligations to indemnify the directors and officers.

These provisions may discourage stockholders from bringing a lawsuit against our directors for breach of their fiduciary duty. These provisions also may have the effect of reducing the likelihood of derivative litigation against directors and officers, even though such an action, if successful, might otherwise benefit us and our stockholders. Furthermore, a stockholder's investment may be adversely affected to the extent we pay the costs of settlement and damage awards against directors and officers pursuant to these indemnification provisions. We believe that these provisions, the insurance and the indemnity agreements are necessary to attract and retain talented and experienced directors and officers.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to our directors, officers and controlling persons pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, we have been advised that in the opinion of the SEC, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable.

**Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.**

Not applicable.

**Item 8. Exhibits.**

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
5.1	Opinion of McDermott Will & Emery LLP
23.1	Consent of Rothstein Kass
23.2	Consent of Rose, Snyder & Jacobs LLP
23.3	Consent of Consent of Ernst & Young GmbH Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft
23.4	Consent of McDermott Will & Emery LLP (contained in the opinion filed as Exhibit 5.1 hereto)
24.1	Power of Attorney (included on signature page to this Registration Statement)
99.1	Global Eagle Entertainment Inc. 2013 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended (incorporated by reference from Appendix B of the Company's Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A (No. 001-35176) filed with the SEC on December 2, 2013)

**Item 9. Undertakings.**

The Company hereby undertakes:

- (a) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:
  - (1) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;
  - (2) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the SEC pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective Registration Statement;
  - (3) to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement;

*provided, however,* that paragraphs (a)(1) and (a)(2) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the SEC by the Company pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement.

- (b) that, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.
- (c) to remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

The Company hereby undertakes that, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Company's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Company pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Company has been advised that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities, other than the payment by the Company of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Company in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding, is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Company will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in City of Westlake Village, State of California, on December 23, 2013.

GLOBAL EAGLE ENTERTAINMENT INC.

By: /s/ Jay Itzkowitz

Name: Jay Itzkowitz

Title: Vice President and General Counsel

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below, constitutes and appoints John LaValle, Dave Davis and Jay Itzkowitz, and each of them, as his or her true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, to do any and all acts and things and execute, in the name of the undersigned, any and all instruments which said attorney-in-fact and agent may deem necessary or advisable in order to enable the Company to comply with the Securities Act and any requirements of the SEC in respect thereof, in connection with the filing with the SEC of this Registration Statement on Form S-8 under the Securities Act, including specifically but without limitation, power and authority to sign the name of the undersigned to such Registration Statement, and any amendments to such Registration Statement (including post-effective amendments), and to file the same with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the SEC, to sign any and all applications, registration statements, notices or other documents necessary or advisable to comply with applicable state securities laws, and to file the same, together with other documents in connection therewith with the appropriate state securities authorities, granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent, full power and authority to do and to perform each and every act and thing requisite or necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully and to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent, or his substitute, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
<u>/s/ John LaValle</u> John LaValle	Director and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	December 23, 2013
<u>/s/ David M. Davis</u> David M. Davis	Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer (Principal Financial Officer)	December 23, 2013
<u>/s/ Michael Zemetra</u> Michael Zemetra	Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)	December 23, 2013
<u>/s/ Edward L. Shapiro</u> Edward L. Shapiro	Chairman of the Board	December 23, 2013
<u>/s/ Jeffrey E. Epstein</u> Jeffrey E. Epstein	Director	December 23, 2013
<u>/s/ Jeffrey A. Leddy</u> Jeffrey A. Leddy	Director	December 23, 2013
<u>/s/ Louis Bélanger-Martin</u> Louis Bélanger-Martin	Director	December 23, 2013
<u>/s/ Robert W. Reding</u> Robert W. Reding	Director	December 23, 2013
<u>/s/ Jeff Sagansky</u> Jeff Sagansky	Director	December 23, 2013
<u>/s/ Harry E. Sloan</u> Harry E. Sloan	Director	December 23, 2013

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December 23, 2013

Global Eagle Entertainment Inc.  
4353 Park Terrace Drive  
Westlake Village, California 91361

Re: Registration Statement on Form S-8; 7,500,000 shares of Common Stock, \$.0001 par value per share (the  
“Common Stock”)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Global Eagle Entertainment Inc. (the “Company”) and are delivering this opinion in connection with the preparation and filing with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission of a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the “Registration Statement”) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, with respect to 7,500,000 shares of Common Stock reserved for issuance pursuant to the Global Eagle Entertainment Inc. 2013 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended (the “Plan”).

In arriving at the opinion expressed below, we have examined the Registration Statement, the Plan, and such other documents as we have deemed necessary to enable us to express the opinion hereinafter set forth. In addition, we have examined and relied on, to the extent we have deemed proper, certificates of officers of the Company as to factual matters, on the originals or copies certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction of all such corporate records of the Company and such other instruments and certificates of public officials and other persons as we have deemed appropriate. In our examination, we have assumed the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to the original documents of all documents submitted to us as copies, and the genuineness of all signatures on documents reviewed by us and the legal capacity of natural persons.

Subject to the foregoing and the other matters set forth herein, it is our opinion that, as of the date hereof, when the shares of Common Stock have been duly registered on the books of the transfer agent and registrar therefor in the name or on behalf of the recipients, or certificates representing the shares of Common Stock (in the form of the specimen common stock certificate incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the Company’s most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K) have been manually signed by an authorized officer of the transfer agent and registrar therefor, and subject to the Company completing all actions and procedures required on its part to be taken prior to the issuance of the shares of Common Stock, when the shares of Common Stock have been issued by the Company in the circumstances contemplated by the Plan against requisite payment therefor, the issue and sale of the shares of Common Stock will have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action of the Company, and the shares of Common Stock will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

The foregoing opinion is limited to the Federal laws of the United States and the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, and we express no opinion herein as to the laws of any other jurisdiction.

We hereby consent to all references to us in the Registration Statement and to the filing of this opinion letter as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and any amendments thereto. In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ McDermott Will & Emery LLP  
McDermott Will & Emery LLP

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**CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement of our report dated March 15, 2013, relating to the balance sheets of Global Eagle Entertainment Inc. (a corporation in the development stage) as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the related statements of operations, changes in stockholders' equity, and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2012 and the periods from February 2, 2011 (inception) to December 31, 2011, as well as for the period from February 2, 2011 (inception) to December 31, 2012, which report appears in the Annual Report on Form 10-K.

/s/ Rothstein Kass

Roseland, New Jersey  
December 23, 2013

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We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement on Form S-8 of Global Eagle Entertainment Inc. of our report dated March 15, 2013, except for Note 13, as to which the date is August 8, 2013, with respect to the financial statements of Row 44, Inc. as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2012, which report and financial statements are attached as Exhibit 99.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K/A (Amendment No. 3) as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 9, 2013. Our report relating to the financial statements for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2012 contains an explanatory paragraph regarding the Company's ability to continue as a going concern.

/s/ Rose, Snyder & Jacobs LLP

Encino, California

December 20, 2013

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**Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (Form S-8) pertaining to the Option Plan of Global Eagle Entertainment Inc. of our report dated August 8, 2013, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Advanced Inflight Alliance AG as of December 31, 2012 and 2011 and for the three years ended December 31, 2012, included in its Current Report on Form 8-K/A (Amendment No. 3) dated August 9, 2013, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

/s/ Bostedt  
Bostedt  
Wirtschaftsprüfer  
[German Public Auditor]

/s/ Richter  
Richter  
Wirtschaftsprüfer  
[German Public Auditor]

Ernst & Young GmbH  
Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft

Munich, Germany  
December 23, 2013

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