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# **Representation:**

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# **Physical Characteristics:**

Gender: Female	Height: 5' 5"	Hair: Brown		
Eyes: Brown				
Body Type: Athletic, Slim				
Portrayable Ethnicities: Caucasian/White, European, French, Native American Indian				

# **Experience:**

# Television

Heritage Falls	Lead	Shea Sizemore / INSP
Pretty Little Liars	Recurring	Warner Bros. / ABC Family
Killer Crush	Supporting	Tony Lefresne / Lifetime
The Perfect Summer	Lead	Gary Wheeler / Up
The Wife He Met Online	Lead	Curtis Crawford / Lifetime
The Wish List	Lead	Kevin Connor/ Hallmark
Hidden Places	Lead	Yalena Lanskaya/ Hallmark Channel
McBride: The Doctor is Out, Really Out	"Daphne"	John Larroquette/Hallmark
Al My Children	"Julia Santos"	Capital Cities/ABC
Largo Winch	"Joy"	Paramount Int'l/ Synd.
Hyperion Bay	Series Regular	Warner Bros. / WB
Beverly Hills 90210	"Josie Oliver" Recurring	Spelling Entertainment / Fox
The Bold and the Beautiful	"Samantha" Series Regular	Bell Entertainment / CBS
Sunset Beach	"Meg" Series Regular	Spelling Entertainment / NBC
The New Gidget	"Danni" Series Regular	Columbia / Synd.
Thorn Birds	"Young Meggie"	Darryl Duke/ Wolper Prod./ ABC
Hearts Adrift	Lead	Vic Sarin / USA
Child of Darkness/ Child of Light	Lead	Marina Sargenti / USA
The Fourth Wiseman	Lead	Michael Rhodes / ABC
News At Eleven	Lead	Mike Robe / CBS
The Last Leaf	Lead	David Anspaugh / Taft Int'l.

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The Patricia Neal Story	Supporting	Anthony Harvey / CBS
Through the Magic Pyramid	Supporting	Ron Howard / NBC
Film		
Heart of the Country	Supporting	John Ward / Bayridge Films
Mountain Top	Supporting	Gary Wheeler / Level Path Prod.
Ambush At Dark Canyon	Supporting	Dustin Rikert / Independent
Little Red Wagon	Supporting	David Anspaugh / Phase 4 Films
Bernadette	"Bernadette"	Jean Delannoy/Cannon
Pale Rider	"Megan Wheeler"	Clint Eastwood/ Malpaso / Warner Bros.
La Passion de Bernadette	"Bernadette"	Jean Delannoy/Quintard Prod.
Hyper Sapien:People From Another Star	Lead	Peter Hunt/ Talia II
Enchanted	Lead	John Ward / Bayridge Prod.
The Pawn	Lead	Clay Borris / Unmarked Prod.
Running Away	"Rosetta"	Dino Risi / Ponti Prod.
Stage		
The Importance of Being Earnest	"Cecily"	Off-Broadway

# Links:

Sydney Penny official website http://www.sydneypenny.net

# Actor Bio:

Sydney Penny was born in Nashville, Tennessee to Hank Penny, comedian and pioneer of Western Swing music and his wife, Shari, an operatically trained singer. Sydney began her career at the age of three and a half, performing with her parents on stage.

At age 10, Sydney was chosen to portray "Young Meggie" in the ABC mini-series, "The Thorn Birds". She held her own opposite

heavyweights Richard Chamberlain, Barbara Stanwyck, and Jean Simmons, earning her critical acclaim. Her performance also inspired a personal note from Burt Reynolds who called her "the most beautiful girl on the silver screen."

In 1985, Clint Eastwood cast Sydney as "Megan Wheeler," the young girl who falls in love with the enigmatic preacher in "Pale Rider"; his return to westerns and her first feature film role. Her work earned her a Youth in Film Award.

Sydney shared her first on-screen kiss with Rick Schroeder in the telefilm "Two Kinds of Love," was given hope to live by Art Carney in O. Henry's classic, "The Last Leaf," and was bought out of slavery by Martin Sheen in "The Fourth Wiseman," who would also play her father in "News at Eleven." In 1986, Sydney took to the beach as "Danni Collins" in the popular syndicated series, "The New Gidget".

Famed French director, Jean Delannoy chose Sydney to portray Bernadette Soubirous in "Bernadette," the story of the 15 year-old visionary from Lourdes. Although she did not speak French at the time, the film was shot in both English and French. Sydney worked with a coach to learn her lines phonetically, eventually becoming fluent.

Delannoy and Penny followed up with "La Passion de Bernadette," the story of Bernadette's life in the convent, in French only. Both films were lauded by Pope John Paul II for the accurate portrayal of her life, were critically well received and play in perpetuity in Lourdes, France. Penny played Sophia Loren's daughter, Rosetta in "Running Away," a remake of the 1961 film for which Loren had won an Oscar.

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Sydney appeared daily as "BJ Walker," in NBC's daytime series, "Santa Barbara". Her portrayal of a young woman living with the secret of incest earned her a nomination for an Emmy for Outstanding Younger Leading Actress.

Penny moved to New York to appear as "Julia Santos" on the ABC daytime drama, "All My Children". Penny and co-star Keith Hamilton Cobb were dubbed Soap Opera Digest's hottest couple and Sydney earned a second Emmy nomination.

Sydney returned to television in the WB series, "Hyperion Bay," created by "Thirtysomething" writer, Joe Dougherty, followed up by a recurring role as "Josie Oliver," a cocaine-addicted kidnapper on "Beverly Hills 90210".

Penny portrayed ex-CIA agent "Joy Arden" in the syndicated series, "Largo Winch," co- produced by Paramount and M6, and filmed in Montreal and Paris. For the role she learned kickboxing and martial arts and wielded a variety of weapons.

Penny starred in the telefilm "Hidden Places" opposite Shirley Jones and Jason Gedrick. The story recounts a woman's struggle to keep her orange farm during the Great Depression, for which she won a CAMIE award. (Character and Morality in Entertainment).

Sydney returned to All My Children, reprising her popular role for another three years in 2005. During this time she also served on the board of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences.

Sydney played a murderously jealous bride in the popular Lifetime movie, "The Wife He Met Online". Other recent film projects include "The Wish List", "Little Red Wagon", "Ambush at Dark Canyon," "Mountain Top," and "Killer Crush."

Sydney recurred in Pretty Little Liars and Sydney co-produced her first feature film in her adopted hometown of Wilmington, North Carolina, a romantic drama entitled "Heart of the Country", in 2012, in which she also played a supporting role. The film was picked up by 20th Century Fox for release in summer 2013.

# **Skills and Training:**

### **Special Skills:**

Horseback Rider, Photographer, Tennis Player, Yoga Languages: English , British Accent , French , Spanish Other Skills:

singing, dancing, firearms, some martial arts.

### **Professional Training/Education:**

Carter Thor, Michael Howard, Larry Moss (dialect)