

= Amanda Seyfried =

Amanda Michelle Seyfried (/ ˈsaʃrɪd / SY @-@ fred ; born December 3 , 1985) is an American actress , model , and singer . She began her career as a model when she was 11 , then her acting career at 15 began an acting career with recurring parts on the soap operas *As the World Turns* and *All My Children* .

In 2004 , Seyfried made her film debut in the teen comedy *Mean Girls* . Her subsequent supporting roles were in independent films , such as the drama *Nine Lives* (2005) and the crime drama *Alpha Dog* (2006) , she also had a recurring role in the UPN drama show *Veronica Mars* (2004 ? 06) . Between 2006 and 2011 , she starred on the HBO drama series *Big Love* and appeared in the 2008 musical feature film *Mamma Mia* ! .

Her other appearances include leading roles in the black comedy horror film *Jennifer 's Body* (2009) , as a call girl in the erotic thriller *Chloe* (2009) , the romantic drama @-@ war film *Dear John* (2010) , and the romantic drama *Letters to Juliet* (2010) . She also stars in the dark fantasy historical romance *Red Riding Hood* (2011) , the dystopian sci @-@ fi thriller *In Time* (2011) , the thriller *Gone* (2012) , the musical drama film *Les Misérables* (2012) , the biographical drama *Lovelace* (2013) , and in the comedies *A Million Ways to Die in the West* (2014) and *Ted 2* (2015) .

= = Early life = =

Seyfried was born in Allentown , Pennsylvania , on December 3 , 1985 . Her mother , Ann (née Sander) , is an occupational therapist , and her father , Jack Seyfried , is a pharmacist . She is of mostly German descent , with smaller amounts of English , Scots @-@ Irish , and Welsh ancestry . Seyfried graduated in 2003 from Allentown 's William Allen High School . She has an older sister , Jennifer Seyfried , a musician in the Philadelphia organ @-@ driven rock band *Love City* .

= = Career = =

= = = Early work (1996 ? 2006) = = =

During Seyfried 's time modeling , she appeared in print ads for clothing companies including Limited Too with Leighton Meester , and was featured on three covers of the *Sweet Valley High* novel series . She stopped modeling when she was seventeen , and worked as a waitress in a retirement community . Seyfried took voice lessons , studied opera , and trained with a Broadway coach while still a teen . She began acting as an extra in the daytime drama television series *Guiding Light* . From 2000 to 2001 , she portrayed the recurring character Lucy Montgomery on the CBS soap opera *As the World Turns* . She played Joni Stafford on the ABC soap *All My Children* from 2002 to 2003 .

In 2003 , Seyfried auditioned to play the role of Regina George in *Mean Girls* ; the role eventually went to Rachel McAdams . While she was initially considered to play the lead role of Cady Heron , played by Lindsay Lohan , the producers of the film decided that Seyfried should play Karen Smith , Regina 's dim @-@ witted " Plastic " friend and sidekick . The film was a box @-@ office success , earning over US \$ 129 million in its theatrical run . Seyfried 's performance in the film earned her , along with Lohan , Lacey Chabert , and McAdams , an MTV Movie Award in the category of " Best On @-@ Screen Team . " Seyfried auditioned to play the title character on UPN 's television series *Veronica Mars* . The role eventually went to Kristen Bell , and Seyfried portrayed Veronica 's murdered best friend , Lilly Kane . Her character was only shown in flashbacks . The show 's creator , Rob Thomas , felt that Seyfried 's portrayal as Lilly Kane was so outstanding that he used her more times in the show than he initially planned in the first season . Seyfried appeared in 10 episodes from 2004 to 2005 .

In 2005 , Seyfried played the lead character , Samantha , a role written by director Rodrigo García

specifically for her , in one of the nine parts of the film *Nine Lives* , composed of nine short films with different themes and an ensemble cast . For her performance , Seyfried , along with the film 's other female leads , won an award from the Locarno International Film Festival , for Best Actress . The same year she played supporting character , Mouse , in the independent film *American Gun* . In 2006 , Seyfried appeared in five episodes of *Wildfire* as Rebecca and had a lead role as Chrissy in the short film *Gypsies , Tramps & Thieves* , by writer @-@ director Andrea Janakas . Seyfried also contributed a minor role as Julie Beckley in *Alpha Dog* . From 2004 to 2006 Seyfried made multiple guest appearances on television series , including *House , M.D. , Justice , Law & Order : Special Victims Unit , American Dad ! ,* and *CSI : Crime Scene Investigation* .

= = = Breakthrough (2006 ? 11) = = =

Seyfried 's profile gained prominence due to her role in the highly acclaimed HBO drama television series *Big Love* . The series centers on a fictional fundamentalist Mormon family , in which Seyfried plays Sarah Henrickson , Bill and Barb 's first daughter , who struggles with her family 's polygamous faith . *Big Love* premiered in the United States on March 12 , 2006 . In December 2009 , HBO confirmed that Seyfried would return for the show 's fourth season , but that it would be her last , as Seyfried wished to concentrate on her film career and upcoming projects .

Following *Big Love* Seyfried had a supporting role , as Zoe , in the 2008 horror drama film *Solstice* , and she co @-@ starred alongside Meryl Streep in *Mamma Mia !* , a romantic comedy film adaptation of the 1999 musical of the same name . *Mamma Mia !* was Seyfried 's first leading role . The film was the fifth highest grossing film of 2008 , and as of January 2013 is the 73rd highest grossing film of all time . Her musical performance in *Mamma Mia !* was released on the film 's soundtrack , for which she recorded five songs . As part of promotion for both the film and its soundtrack , Seyfried recorded a music video of the song , entitled " Gimme ! Gimme ! Gimme ! (A Man After Midnight) " .

In March 2008 Seyfried was cast in the comedy horror film *Jennifer 's Body* . In the film Seyfried was cast as Anita " Needy " Lesnicki , the title character 's best friend . She also appeared in *Panic ! At The Disco* 's music video for , " new perspective , " a song from the movie . The film , which premiered at the 2009 Toronto International Film Festival and was released to theaters on September 18 , 2009 , received mixed reviews from critics . The same year she was cast in the comedy @-@ drama independent film *Boogie Woogie* . She played Paige Oppenheimer , one of the lead roles in the ensemble movie . The movie was originally shown on June 26 , 2009 , at Edinburgh International Film Festival , and was officially shown in US theaters April 25 , 2010 . On February 22 , 2009 , Seyfried presented an award and performed at the 2009 Annual 81st Academy Awards ceremony . In early March 2009 director Zack Snyder had tapped Seyfried to portray the lead role , Baby Doll , in *Sucker Punch* , but Seyfried had to drop out of the film due to scheduling conflicts with *Big Love* .

Seyfried starred alongside Channing Tatum in *Dear John* , the film adaptation of the novel of the same name , that was written by Nicholas Sparks . The film was released on February 5 , 2010 , and received generally negative reviews . Seyfried wrote and recorded " Little House " , a song on one of the official soundtracks of *Dear John* . Despite the reviews , *Dear John* became the first film to break up *Avatar* 's box office reign at number one at the United States box office and grossed US \$ 80 million in the US theatrically and US \$ 115 million worldwide .

Seyfried appeared as the title character in the erotic thriller *Chloe* , theatrically released by Sony Pictures Classics on March 26 , 2010 . *Chloe* originally premiered at the Toronto Film Festival in September 2009 . In the film , Seyfried 's character is an escort / prostitute who is hired to test a husband , because his wife feels that she cannot trust his fidelity . *Chloe* enjoyed commercial success and became director Atom Egoyan 's biggest moneymaker ever . Seyfried 's performance in the film also received favorable reviews from critics ; it also helped her to gain more industry acclaim and receive more opportunities to play more interesting roles .

Later in 2010 , Seyfried starred in the romantic @-@ comedy film *Letters to Juliet* , based on the book by Lise and Ceil Friedman , which was released to mixed reviews and was a box office

success , generated US \$ 80 million worldwide . She was named , and received an award as , the " Showest Breakthrough Female Star of The Year " . She also won the " Scared @-@ As @-@ S * * T " category for her performance in Jennifer 's Body and was nominated for Best Female Performance for her movie Dear John , at the 2010 MTV Movie Awards . Also in 2010 , she was included in Forbes 's " The 17 Stars To Watch " list , and received three nominations in the Teen Choice Awards , including for Choice Movie Actress Drama and Choice Movie Chemistry with her co @-@ star Channing Tatum for their film Dear John . Seyfried was also nominated for Choice Movie Actress Romantic Comedy for Letters to Juliet .

In late January 2009 , she became attached to appear in Myriad Pictures ' adaptation of Oscar Wilde 's comedy A Woman of No Importance . The film was set to be released in 2011 . In 2010 , however , reports indicated that the film might not be produced due to lack of financing . In 2009 , she was scheduled to appear in the movie Albert Nobbs , she ultimately dropped out due to scheduling conflicts and was replaced by Mia Wasikowska . Seyfried played the starring role of Valerie in Catherine Hardwicke 's Red Riding Hood ; it was released on March 11 , 2011 , to mostly negative reviews , but earned US \$ 90 million worldwide on a US \$ 42 million budget . She also played the lead role of Sylvia Weis in Andrew Niccol 's In Time , released in October 2011 to mixed reviews but grossed more than US \$ 172 million worldwide . Also in 2011 , Seyfried became a spokesperson and model for Cle de Peau Beaute , a Japanese line of beauty products .

= = = 2012 ? present = = =

Seyfried starred in the thriller Gone , released in early 2012 . Later that year , She played Cosette in the film adaptation of the musical Les Misérables . The film , and her performance , received acclaim from critics , and was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Picture and earned a total of US \$ 440 million worldwide .

In 2013 , Seyfried appeared in the comedy The Big Wedding , had a voice role in the successful animated movie Epic and played Linda Lovelace in the biopic Lovelace . Her performance in the latter film earned Seyfried critical acclaim from film critics . She appeared in the 2013 drama The End of Love . She was also signed to play the role of Ann Burden in the dramatization of the Robert O 'Brien post @-@ apocalyptic novel Z for Zachariah , but was replaced by Margot Robbie . In 2013 , she began modeling for Givenchy .

In 2015 , she starred in the comedy Ted 2 , alongside Mark Wahlberg and Seth MacFarlane , and played Peter Pan 's mother in the film Pan .

= = Personal life = =

Seyfried has stated that she suffers from anxiety and panic attacks . She also suffers from stage fright and avoided performing in theater productions until April 2015 , when she starred in an Off @-@ Broadway production of The Way We Get By at Second Stage Theater .

Seyfried has a taxidermy collection that includes a baby horse , a fox , an owl , a moose , a goat , a hybrid taxidermy deer and butterflies . Conan O 'Brien gave her a taxidermy raccoon attached to a jet pack as a gift for her collection during an appearance on Conan .

Seyfried dated Mamma Mia ! co @-@ star Dominic Cooper from 2008 to 2010 , and actor Justin Long from 2013 to 2015 .

= = Accolades = =

Seyfried has received numerous accolades from People magazine , which ranked her no . 1 in a 2011 article featuring " 25 Beauties (and Hotties) at 25 " ; she was also included in the magazine 's annual beauty list in 2009 and 2010 . Additionally , she appeared in the " Beautiful at Every Age " article in 2012 . Seyfried was featured in Vanity Fair 's " Bright Young Hollywood " article in 2008 , and appeared on the magazine 's cover with several other actresses in 2010 .

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