

KELLI MCCARTY Biography

The former Miss USA-turned-working actress currently stars on NBC's Passions as the sexy, psycho-diva Beth Wallace, opposite Galen Gering.

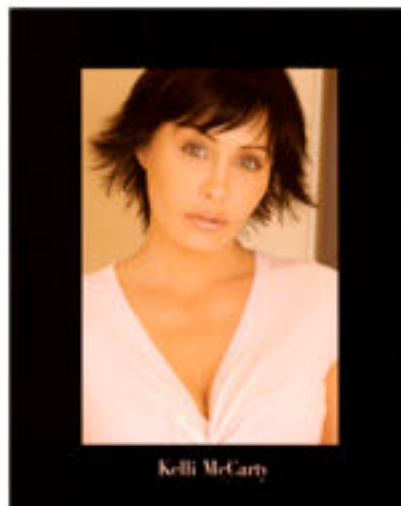
"Beth is a whatever it takes and at any cost kind of a gal," says the Kansas native of her Daytime TV character.

McCarty recently found time away from her busy schedule at Passions to also appear on the **WB's, popular, prime-time program Summerland as Courtney** - the new, romantic interest of Johnny [played by Shawn Christian]. McCarty's previous TV credits include Phil of the Future, Beverly Hills 90210, Melrose Place, Dream On, Diagnosis Murder, Silk Stockings, Pacific Blue, the golf program Travel A Round [as host] and Even Stevens. Dogs and Appetizers, Recoil, The Last Bachelor, Beach House, and the documentary Rhinoskin are among her feature film credits.

McCarty was named **Miss Kansas in 1990** and **Miss USA in 1991**. This small town girl with big city dreams has been steadily working in the entertainment industry, as an actress, ever since her pageant crownings. Growing-up with three siblings, a flight and swim instructor for a mom and a trucking company president as her dad, McCarty's work ethic was established early in her childhood years. A self-proclaimed tom-boy, McCarty spent her summers - as a teen - life guarding, teaching swim lessons, installing swimming pools, and basically shoveling a lot of dirt and sand.

Freshman through senior year, McCarty played on her high school's all boys, golf team. This was a first for the school but business as usual for this young girl who actually started her game at the age of seven. After graduation, she went on to study Theater Arts and Communications at Wichita State University. She has also studied Improv at The Groundlings in Los Angeles.

McCarty's current passions still include golf - but also - designing clothes, practicing yoga, and almost anything animal related. The actress is passionate about animals and hopes to someday open a shelter for homeless cats and dogs. She has four adopted dogs of her own, and is actively involved with the animal rescue organization New Leash on Life.



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