

WOOLF BRIAN  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
WOOLF BRIAN

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CHARMING SHOPPES INC  
[CHRS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
450 WINKS LANE  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/23/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
President - Lane Bryant

BENSALEM, PA 19020

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (D)  | Price                             |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3)                                     | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and<br>5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable          | Expiration<br>Date | Title           |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|------|---|-----|-----|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Stock<br>Appreciation<br>Rights <sup>(1)</sup> | \$ 1.57                            | 03/23/2009       | A          | 175,000   |      |   |     |     | 03/23/2011 <sup>(2)</sup> | 03/22/2016         | Common<br>Stock |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                      | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| WOOLF BRIAN<br>450 WINKS LANE<br>BENSALEM, PA 19020 |               |           | President - Lane Bryant |       |

## Signatures

BRIAN  
WOOLF  
03/23/2009

\*\*Signature of  
Reporting Person                      Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Grant of stock appreciation right ("SAR") exercisable for stock, for no consideration other than services. The grant is exempt under Rule 16b-3(d).  
The SAR will become exercisable as to forty (40%) percent of the underlying shares on the second anniversary and thirty (30%) percent on each of the third and fourth anniversaries of the date of grant (Transaction Date), subject to acceleration and early expiration in the event of certain terminations of employment.

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