

WILLIAMS SONOMA INC  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Whalen Julie		(Month/Day/Year)	WILLIAMS SONOMA INC [WSM]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	03/06/2012	
3250 VAN NESS AVE.			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
SAN FRANCISCO,Â CAÂ 94109			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			(give title below) (specify below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			Acting Chief Financial Officer	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	849	I	By Managed Account

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Restricted Stock Units	Â (1)	Â (1)	Common Stock	8,750	\$ (2)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	Â (3)	Â (3)	Common Stock	1,506	\$ (2)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	Â (4)	Â (4)	Common Stock	4,575	\$ (2)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units	Â (5)	Â (5)	Common Stock	3,045	\$ (2)	D	Â
Stock Settled Stock Appreciation Right (ssar)	Â (6)	04/05/2018	Common Stock	8,465	\$ 40.87	D	Â
Stock Settled Stock Appreciation Right (ssar)	Â (7)	11/07/2018	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 8.56	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Whalen Julie 3250 VAN NESS AVE. SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94109	Â	Â	Â Acting Chief Financial Officer	Â

## Signatures

/s/ Laurel Pies, Attorney-in-Fact for Julie Whalen 03/15/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) These restricted stock units will vest on 3/25/2014.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of WSM common stock.
- (3) These restricted stock units will vest on 4/10/2012.
- (4) These restricted stock units will vest on 5/2/2012.
- (5) These restricted stock units will vest in two parts: 1,522 units on 4/5/2013 and 1,523 units on 4/5/2015.
- (6) These stock appreciation rights will vest in four parts. 2,117 shares vest on 4/5/2012 and 2,116 shares vest for each of the following dates: 4/5/2013, 4/5/2014 and 4/5/2015.
- (7) These stock appreciation rights will vest on 11/7/2012.

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