WOOLF BRIAN

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement CHARMING SHOPPES INC [CHRS] **WOOLF BRIAN** (Month/Day/Year) 09/18/2008 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 450 WINKS LANE (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person BENSALEM, Â PAÂ 19020 (give title below) (specify below) Form filed by More than One President - Lane Bryant Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) **Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned** 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

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

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

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Stock Appreciation Rights (1)

07/08/2011(2) 07/08/2015

Common 202,429

\$ 4.7 (1)

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

BENSALEM, Â PAÂ 19020

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

WOOLF BRIAN

450 WINKS LANE

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President - Lane Bryant

Signatures

BRIAN WOOLF

09/18/2008

**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) Grant of stock appreciation right ("SAR") exercisable for stock, for no consideration other than services. The grant is exempt under Rule 16b-3(d).
- (2) The SAR will become exercisable as to one-third of the underlying shares on each of the third, fourth and fifth 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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