

Romano Anthony  
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 \*  
Romano Anthony

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)  
04/02/2012

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President & CEO

BENSALEM, PA 19020

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	04/02/2012		A		36,000	A	\$ 0 <sup>(1)</sup>
					75,479	D	

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)**

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Appreciation Right (right to buy) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 6.04	04/02/2012		A	182,278	04/02/2013 <sup>(3)</sup> 04/02/2019	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Romano Anthony 450 WINKS LANE BENSALEM, PA 19020	X		President & CEO	

## Signatures

ANTHONY ROMANO  
04/02/2012  
\*\*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) Employee award of restricted stock units granted under Charming Shoppes, Inc. 2010 Stock Award and Incentive Plan, for no consideration other than services, in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(d).
- (2) Stock appreciation rights ("SAR") exercisable for stock, granted for no consideration other than services. The grant is exempt under Rule 16b-3(d).  
The SAR will become exercisable as to 25% of the underlying shares on each of the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the
- (3) date of grant (Transaction Date), subject to acceleration and early expiration in the event of certain terminations of employment or if the awards are not assumed in a change of control.

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