

TRANS WORLD ENTERTAINMENT CORP
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HIGGINS ROBERT J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

38 CORPORATE CIRCLE

(Street)

ALBANY, NY 12203

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
TRANS WORLD ENTERTAINMENT CORP [TWMC]

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
01/31/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
Chairman and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A)	(D)	Price			
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	^	^	^	^	^	^	12,863,520	D	^
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per	^	^	^	^	^	^	137,500	I	Higgins Foundation

share

Common
Stock, par
value
\$0.01 per
share

^ ^ ^ ^ ^ ^ 50,550 I Spouse

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 (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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy) ⁽¹⁾	^	^	^	^	^ ^	^ ⁽³⁾ ^ ⁽³⁾	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share 3,775,
Stock Settled Appreciation Rights ⁽¹⁾	\$ 5.32	^	^	^	^ ^	^ ⁽³⁾ 05/01/2016	Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share 450,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HIGGINS ROBERT J 38 CORPORATE CIRCLE ALBANY, NY 12203	^ X	^ X	^ Chairman and CEO	^

Signatures

/s/ Robert J
Higgins

02/12/2009

__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) All of the equity transactions listed above are pursuant to equity plans qualified under Rule 16b-3 and exempt from Section 16(b) of the Securities Exchange Act.
- (2) Previously reported on Form 4.
- (3) All grants are exercisable within 4 years and expire 10 years from date of grant.

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