

BYFUGLIN MAX S  
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 \*  
BYFUGLIN MAX S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CHEESECAKE FACTORY INC  
[CAKE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
26901 MALIBU HILLS ROAD  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/24/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
President (Subsidiary)

CALABASAS HILLS, CA 91301  
(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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                                      |
| Common stock                    | 05/24/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 12,000  | A  | \$ 21.17                                   |
| Common stock                    | 05/24/2012                           |  | S                              |   | 12,000  | D  | \$ 32.1                                    |
| Common stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 27,000  | 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)

| 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) |              |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Options to purchase common stock           | \$ 21.17   | 05/24/2012                           |  | M                              | 12,000  | 01/03/2009   | 01/03/2018  | Common stock | 12,000                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                        |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                | Other |
| BYFUGLIN MAX S<br>26901 MALIBU HILLS ROAD<br>CALABASAS HILLS, CA 91301 |               |           | President (Subsidiary) |       |

## Signatures

Max. S. Byfuglin by Debby Zurzolo, his attorney in fact 05/25/2012

\*\*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) Shares held by the Byfuglin Family Trust u/t/a 9/27/2003 of which the reporting person and his spouse are trustees.

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