

SOTHEBYS HOLDINGS INC  
 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 \*  
**SHERIDAN WILLIAM S**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**SOTHEBYS HOLDINGS INC [BID]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**38500 WOODWARD AVENUE, SUITE 100**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/15/2006**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**EVP & CFO**

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI 48304**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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 \_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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		
Class A Limited Voting Common Stock	03/15/2006		M	2,000 A	Ⓛ	53,666 (2) (3)	D (3)
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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)
Employee Stock Option-Right to Buy <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 17.125	03/15/2006		M	2,000	<sup>(5)</sup> 02/18/2007	Class A Limited Voting Common Stock 2,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SHERIDAN WILLIAM S 38500 WOODWARD AVENUE SUITE 100 BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MI 48304			EVP & CFO	

## Signatures

/s/ William S. Sheridan 03/17/2006

\*\*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) Not Applicable
- (2) Includes 45,571 shares of unvested restricted stock

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- (3) Mr. Sheridan indirectly owns 2,000 shares of Sotheby's Class A Limited Voting Common Stock which are owned by his wife.
- (4) Granted under the Issuer's 1997 Employee Stock Option Plan.
- (5) 400 stock options became exercisable on each of the following: 2/18/98, 2/18/99, 2/18/00, 2/18/01 and 2/18/02 respectively.

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