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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D/A

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 4)

TRANS WORLD ENTERTAINMENT CORPORATION (Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (Title of Class of Securities)

89336 Q 10 0 (CUSIP Number)

Robert J. Higgins
38 Corporate Circle
Albany, New York 12203
(518) 452-1242

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

October 8, 2008 (Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box: o

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* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be \square filed \square for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (\square Act \square) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH		8	16,776,020 SHARED VOTING POWER					
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This Amendment No. 4 to Schedule 13D (this ☐Amendment No. 4☐) is being filed on behalf of Robert J. Higgins and amends the Schedule 13D filed by Mr. Higgins on December 10, 2007, as amended by Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13D filed by Mr. Higgins on February 5, 2008, as further amended by Amendment No. 2 to Schedule 13D filed by Mr. Higgins on April 4, 2008 and as further amended by Amendment No. 3 to Schedule 13D filed by Mr. Higgins on May 6, 2008 (as amended, the ☐Initial Schedule 13D☐). This Amendment No. 4 relates to the common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the ☐Company Common Stock☐), of Trans World Entertainment Corporation, a New York corporation (the ☐Company☐).

Certain information contained in this Amendment No. 4 relates to the ownership of Company Common Stock by persons other than Mr. Higgins. Mr. Higgins expressly disclaims any liability for any such information and for any other information provided in this Amendment No. 4 that does not expressly pertain to Mr. Higgins.

Unless otherwise indicated, all capitalized, undefined terms used in this Amendment No. 4 shall have the respective meanings ascribed to them in the Initial Schedule 13D, and unless otherwise amended hereby, all information set forth in the Initial Schedule 13D remains in effect.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

Item 3 is hereby amended by adding the following:

As of January 23, 2009, the Reporting Person had purchased, in open market purchases, an aggregate of 600,000 shares of Common Stock, for a total purchase price of approximately \$1,543,049, including brokerage commissions. The Reporting Person purchased such shares with personal funds.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

Item 4 is hereby amended by adding the following:

The Reporting Person has acquired the shares of Common Stock for investment purposes. The Reporting Person from time to time intends to review his investments in the Company on the basis of various factors, including the Company business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects, general economic and industry conditions, the securities markets in general and those for the Common Stock in particular, as well as other developments and other investment opportunities. Based upon such review, the Reporting Person will take such actions in the future as the Reporting Person may deem appropriate in light of the circumstances existing from time to time, which may include further acquisitions of shares of common stock or disposal of some or all of the shares of Common Stock currently owned by the Reporting Person or otherwise acquired by the Reporting Persons, either in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

Item 5 is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

(a), (b) As of the date hereof, the aggregate number and percentage of shares of Company Common Stock beneficially owned by Mr. Higgins (assuming full exercise of his options to purchase shares of Company Common Stock), including the number of shares of Company Common Stock as to which Mr. Higgins has sole power to vote or direct the vote, shared power to vote or direct the vote, sole power to dispose or direct the disposition or shared power to dispose or direct the disposition, is set forth in the table below.

According to the Company S Annual Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended October 31, 2008, filed with the Commission on December 10, 2008 (the ☐Form 10-Q☐), there were 31,269,111 shares of Company Common Stock outstanding as of November 30, 2008.

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	Shares with	Shares with	Shares with	Shared	Shares	Number of	Shares
	Sole Power	Shared Power	Sole Power	Power to	Beneficially	Shares	Beneficially
Reporting Person	to Vote	to Vote	to Dispose	Dispose	Owned	Outstanding	Owned
Robert J. Higgins	16,776,020 (1)	50,550 (2)	16,776,020 (1)	50,550 (2)	16,826,570 (3)	35,044,111 (4)	48.0% (5)

- (1) Consists of (i) 12,863,520 shares of Company Common Stock directly owned by Mr. Higgins, (ii) 3,775,000 shares of Company Common Stock issuable upon the exercise of options held by Mr. Higgins that are vested and outstanding and (iii) 137,500 shares of Company Common Stock owned by the Higgins Family Foundation, of which Mr. Higgins is the sole trustee.
- (2) Consists of 50,550 shares of Company Common Stock owned by Mr. Higgins□s spouse
- (3) Consists of (i) 12,863,520 shares of Company Common Stock directly owned by Mr. Higgins, (ii) 3,775,000 shares of Company Common Stock issuable upon the exercise of options held by Mr. Higgins that are vested and outstanding, (iii) 137,500 shares of Company Common Stock owned by the Higgins Family Foundation, of which Mr. Higgins is the sole trustee, and (iv) 50,550 shares of Company Common Stock owned by Mr. Higgins spouse
- (4) Consists of (i) shares of Company Common Stock issued and outstanding as of November 30, 2008, as set forth in the Form 10-Q and (ii) 3,775,000 shares of Company Common Stock issuable upon the exercise of options held by Mr. Higgins that are vested and outstanding.
- (5) Based on (i) all shares of Company Common Stock issued and outstanding as of November 30, 2008, as set forth in the Form 10-Q and (ii) 3,775,000 shares of Company Common Stock subject to options held by Mr. Higgins that are vested and outstanding.

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- (c) During the last sixty days there were no transactions with respect to the Company Common Stock affected by Mr. Higgins.
 - (d) Not applicable.
 - (e) Not applicable.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of Issuer

There are no contracts, arrangements, understandings or relationships between Mr. Higgins and any person with respect to any securities of the Company.

Item. 7 Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

Not applicable.

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of the undersigned sknowledge and belief, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: January 23, 2009 /s/ Robert J. Higgins

Name: Robert J. Higgins