

BALABAN LARRY

Form 4

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**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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BALABAN LARRY**

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
**Genius Brands International, Inc.**  
**[GNUS]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**5820 OBERLIN DR. #203**  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**12/31/2012**

☒ Director ☒ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)  
**Chief Creative Officer**

**SAN DIEGO, CA 92121**

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)				(Instr. 3 and 4)		
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Options	\$ 0.2	12/31/2012	A		100,000		12/31/2012	12/31/2017	Comon Stock	100,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BALABAN LARRY 5820 OBERLIN DR. #203 SAN DIEGO, CA 92121	X	X	Chief Creative Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Larry

Balaban

03/07/2013

\*\*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) Issued directly from the Issuer pursuant to the Issuer's Stock Option Plan on December 31, 2012.

Represents, in addition to those options that are the subject of this report: (i) 2,000,000 options exercisable as of 1/20/2009 and expiring on 1/20/2014, at an exercise price of \$0.40, (ii) 1,000,000 options at an exercise price of \$0.44, granted on 4/11/2011, with 250,000 of such options vesting on the grant date and 250,000 vesting upon each of the first three anniversaries of the grant date, and (iii) 100,000 options exercisable on 12/31/2011 and expiring on 12/31/2016 at an exercise price of \$0.22.

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