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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement Ascena Retail Group, Inc. [ASNA] MUTO GARY (Month/Day/Year) 08/01/2017 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O ASCENA RETAIL (Check all applicable) GROUP, INC., 933 MACARTHUR BOULEVARD 10% Owner Director (Street) _X__ Officer Other 6. Individual or Joint/Group (give title below) (specify below) Filing(Check Applicable Line) President & CEO-ascena brands _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

MAHWAH. NJÂ 07430

(State)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security

(City)

(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)

3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial

Reporting Person

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Ownership (Instr. 5)

(I) (Instr. 5)

Â Common 133,307 D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Zip)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

2. Date Exercisable and 3. Title and Amount of 6. Nature of Indirect 1. Title of Derivative Security 4. 5. Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year) Derivative Security or Exercise Form of (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Price of Derivative Derivative Security:

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Restricted Stock Units (1)	(2)	(2)	Common	80,000	\$ 0	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units (1)	(3)	$\hat{A} = (3)$	Common	31,997	\$ 0	D	Â
Restricted Stock Units (4)	\hat{A} $\frac{(5)}{}$	(5)	Common	73,892	\$ 0	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MUTO GARY

C/O ASCENA RETAIL GROUP, INC. 933 MACARTHUR BOULEVARD MAHWAH, NJÂ 07430

 \hat{A} \hat{A} \hat{A} President & CEO-ascena brands \hat{A}

Signatures

Mary Beth Riley, Power of Attorney

08/03/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Granted under the Company's 2010 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (2) On September 29, 2015, the reporting person was granted 80,000 restricted stock units, vesting in three equal annual installments beginning September 29, 2018.
- (3) On October 23, 2015, the reporting person was granted 48,000 restricted stock units, vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.
- (4) Granted under the Company's 2016 Omnibus Incentive Plan.
- On September 21, 2016, the reporting person was granted 73,892 restricted stock units, vesting in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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Remarks:

EXHIBIT LIST: EX-24: Power of Attorney Gary Muto

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