BLOCKBUSTER INC Form SC 13G August 20, 2007

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

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

BLOCKBUSTER INC.
(Name of Issuer)
Class A Common Stock
(Title of Class of Securities)
93679108
(CUSIP Number)
August 9, 2007
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- o Rule 13d-1(b)
- b Rule 13d-1(c)
- o Rule 13d-1(d)

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Act) 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).

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

CUSIP No. Page 9 93679108 2 of NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS: Highland Capital Management, L.P. 1 I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY): 75-2716725 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS): 2 (a) o (b) o SEC USE ONLY: 3 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION: 4 Delaware SOLE VOTING POWER: 5 NUMBER OF 5,963,412 **SHARES** SHARED VOTING POWER: 6 BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 169,861 **EACH** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER: 7 REPORTING **PERSON** 5,963,412 WITH: SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER: 8 169,861

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON:

9

6,133,273

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

o

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9):

11

5.0%(1)

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

12

PN/IA

(1) Based on

122,030,189

shares of Issuer s

Class A

Common Stock

outstanding,

reported on the

Form 10-Q filed

with the SEC by

the Issuer on

August 10, 2007.

Page 9 CUSIP No. 93679108 3 of NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS: Strand Advisors, Inc. 1 I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY): 95-4440863 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS): 2 (a) o (b) o SEC USE ONLY: 3 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION: 4 Delaware SOLE VOTING POWER: 5 NUMBER OF 5,963,412 **SHARES** SHARED VOTING POWER: 6 BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 169,861 **EACH** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER: 7 REPORTING **PERSON** 5,963,412 WITH: SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER: 8 169,861

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6,133,273

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

o

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9):

11

5.0%(1)

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

12

CO/HC

(1) Based on

122,030,189

shares of Issuer s

Class A

Common Stock

outstanding,

reported on the

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the Issuer on

August 10, 2007.

9 CUSIP No. 93679108 Page of NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS: James Dondero 1 I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY): CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS): 2 (a) o (b) o SEC USE ONLY: 3 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION: 4 **United States** SOLE VOTING POWER: 5 NUMBER OF 5,963,412 **SHARES** SHARED VOTING POWER: BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 169,861 **EACH** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER: 7 REPORTING **PERSON** 5,963,412 WITH: SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER: 8 169,861

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON:

6,133,273

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

o

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9):

11

5.0%(1)

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

12

IN/HC

(1) Based on

122,030,189

shares of Issuer s

Class A

Common Stock

outstanding,

reported on the

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August 10, 2007.

Page 9 CUSIP No. 93679108 5 of NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS: Highland Equity Opportunities Fund(1) 1 I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY): 20-4570552 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS): 2 (a) o (b) o SEC USE ONLY: 3 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION: 4 Delaware SOLE VOTING POWER: 5 NUMBER OF 0 **SHARES** SHARED VOTING POWER: 6 BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 169,861 **EACH** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER: 7 REPORTING **PERSON** 0 WITH: SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER: 8 169,861

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON:

6,133,273

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

o

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9):

11

0.1%(2)

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS):

12

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(1) The Reporting

Person may be

deemed to be the

beneficial

owners of the

shares of the

Issuer¤s Class A

Common Stock

beneficiary

owned by the

other Reporting

Persons.

However, with

respect to the

matters

described herein,

no other

Reporting

Person may

bind, obligate or

take any action,

directly or

indirectly, on

behalf of

Highland Equity

Opportunities

Fund. The

Reporting

Person expressly

disclaims

membership in a

group with

respect tot he

issuer or

securities of the issuer for the purposes of Section 13(d) or 13(g) of the Act.

(2) Based on
122,030,189
shares of Issuer s
Class A
Common Stock
outstanding,
reported on the
Form 10-Q filed
with the SEC by
the Issuer on
August 10, 2007.

Item 1(a) Name of Issuer:

Blockbuster Inc.

Item 1(b) Address of Issuers Principal Executive Offices:

1201 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas 75270.

Item 2(a) Name of Persons Filing:

This statement is filed by and on behalf of: (i) Highland Capital Management, L.P. (*Highland Capital*); (ii) Strand Advisors, Inc. (*Strand*); (iii) James D. Dondero; and (iv) Highland Equity Opportunities Fund (*Equity Fund*).

Highland Capital principally serves as an investment adviser and/or manager to other persons, including Equity Fund. Highland Capital may be deemed to beneficially own shares owned and/or held by and/or for the account of and/or benefit of other persons, including Equity Fund. Strand serves as the general partner of Highland Capital. Strand may be deemed to beneficially own shares owned and/or held by and/or for the account of and/or benefit of Highland Capital. Mr. Dondero is the President and a director of Strand. Mr. Dondero may be deemed to beneficially own shares owned and/or held by and/or for the account of and/or benefit of Strand.

Each of the reporting persons declares that neither the filing of this statement nor anything herein shall be construed as an admission that such person is, for the purposes of Section 13(d) or 13(g) of the Act or any other purpose, the beneficial owner of any securities covered by this statement.

Each of the reporting persons may be deemed to be a member of a group with respect to the issuer or securities of the issuer for the purposes of Section 13(d) or 13(g) of the Act. Each of the reporting persons declares that neither the filing of this statement nor anything herein shall be construed as an admission that such person is, for the purposes of Section 13(d) or 13(g) of the Act or any other purpose, (i) acting (or has agreed or is agreeing to act together with any other person) as a partnership, limited partnership, syndicate, or other group for the purpose of acquiring, holding, or disposing of securities of the issuer or otherwise with respect to the issuer or any securities of the issuer.

Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if non Residence:

The address of the principal business office of each of the reporting persons is Two Galleria Tower, 13455 Noel Road, Suite 800, Dallas, Texas 75240.

Item 2(c) Citizenship:

See Item 4 of each cover page for the respective reporting persons.

Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities:

Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share.

Item 2(e) CUSIP Number:

93679108

Item 3 Status of Persons Filing.

Not applicable.

Item 4 Ownership.

(a) Amount Beneficially Owned:

See Item 9 of each cover page for the respective reporting persons.

(b) Percent of Class:

See Item 11 of each cover page for the respective reporting persons.

- (c) Number of shares as to which the person has:
 - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:See Item 5 of each cover page for the respective reporting persons.
 - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: See Item 6 of each cover page for the respective reporting persons.

- (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: See Item 7 of each cover page for the respective reporting persons.
- (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: See Item 8 of each cover page for the respective reporting persons.

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Item 5 Ownership of 5% or Less of a Class.

Not applicable.

Item 6 Ownership of More than 5% on Behalf of Another Person.

Highland Capital serves as an investment adviser and/or manager to other persons, including Equity Fund. Highland Capital may be deemed to beneficially own shares owned and/or held by and/or for the account and/or benefit of other person, including Equity Fund. Equity Fund may have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, shares owned and/or held by and/or for the account and/or benefit of such persons.

Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.

Not applicable.

Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not applicable.

Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not applicable.

Item 10 Certifications.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: August 20, 2007

Highland Equity Opportunities Fund

By: Highland Fund I, its management investment company

By: /s/ James Dondero Name: James Dondero Title: President

Highland Capital Management, L.P.

By: Strand Advisors, Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ James Dondero Name: James Dondero Title: President

Strand Advisors, Inc.

By: /s/ James Dondero Name: James Dondero Title: President

James Dondero

/s/ James Dondero