

STAGE STORES INC  
Form 8-K  
May 05, 2006

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

**FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**May 4, 2006**

(Date of Report, date of earliest event reported)

**Stage Stores, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**1-14035**

(Commission File Number)

**NEVADA**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**91-1826900**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**10201 Main Street, Houston, Texas**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**77025**

(Zip Code)

**(800) 579-2302**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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**Item 8.01.**

**Other Events.**

**April Sales Release**

On May 4, 2006, Stage Stores, Inc. (the "Company") issued a news release announcing the Company's April 2006 sales, that comparable store sales increased 16.9%, and that the Company expects to exceed the upper end of the first quarter EPS guidance range.

**Item 9.01.**

**Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

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Exhibits.

99News Release issued by Stage Stores, Inc. on May 4, 2006 announcing the Company's April 2006 sales, that comparable store sales increased 16.9%, and that the Company expects to exceed the upper end of the first quarter EPS guidance range.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

**STAGE STORES, INC.**

May 5, 2006  
(Date)

/s/ Michael E. McCreery  
Michael E. McCreery  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer