

**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 5, 2005
(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 **91-1826900**
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

10201 Main Street, Houston, Texas **77025**
(Address of principal executive offices) (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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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On May 5, 2005, Stage Stores, Inc. (the "Company") issued a news release announcing the Company's April 2005 sales and raised the first quarter and full year earning outlook. A copy of the news release is attached to this Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

- 99.1 News release issued by Stage Stores, Inc. on May 5, 2005, announcing the Company's April 2005 sales and raising the first quarter and full year earning outlook.

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 6, 2005

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