

STAGE STORES INC
Form 8-K
May 05, 2006

**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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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.

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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.

May 5, 2006
(Date)

STAGE STORES, INC.

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