





**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On January 5, 2006, Stage Stores, Inc. (the "Company") issued a news release announcing the Company's December 2005 sales. A copy of the news release is attached to this Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

- 99 News release issued by Stage Stores, Inc. on January 5, 2006 announcing the Company's December 2005 sales. A copy of the news release is attached to this Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.

**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.**

January 9, 2006  
(Date)

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

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