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STAGE STORES TO PRESENT AT THE OPPENHEIMER 8TH ANNUAL CONSUMER GROWTH CONFERENCE

HOUSTON, TX, July 1, 2008 - Stage Stores, Inc. (NYSE: SSI) announced today that it will make a presentation at the Oppenheimer 8th Annual Consumer Growth Conference on Tuesday, July 8, 2008, at 4:05 p.m. Eastern Time. The conference is being held at the Four Seasons Hotel in Boston, MA.

A live webcast of the presentation will be available. To access the webcast, log on to the Company's web site at www.stagestores.com and then click on Investor Relations, then Webcasts, then the webcast link. A replay of the presentation will be available online for approximately 30 days.

The PowerPoint presentation that management will use at the Oppenheimer Conference will be available for viewing in the Investor Relations section of the Stage Stores web site prior to the start of the Company's presentation.

About Stage Stores

Stage Stores, Inc. brings nationally recognized brand name apparel, accessories, cosmetics and footwear for the entire family to small and mid-size towns and communities through 716 stores located in 35 states. The Company operates under the Bealls, Palais Royal and Stage names throughout the South Central and Southwestern states, and under the Peebles name throughout the Midwestern, Southeastern, Mid-Atlantic and New England states. For more information about Stage Stores, visit the Company's web site at www.stagestores.com.

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