

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**  
**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of**  
**the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**March 9, 2010**  
(Date of Report, Date of Earliest Event Reported)

**Stage Stores, Inc.**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in 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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- ☐ 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 March 9, 2010, Stage Stores, Inc. (the "Company") issued a News Release announcing its financial results for the fourth quarter and for the fiscal year 2009. Additionally, the Company provided first quarter and full year 2010 sales and earnings guidance. A copy of the News Release is attached to this Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.

This information shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference to such filing.

## **Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

### **(d) Exhibits**

- 99 News Release issued by Stage Stores, Inc. on March 9, 2010, announcing its financial results for the fourth quarter and for the fiscal year 2009 and providing first quarter and full year 2010 sales and earnings guidance.

## **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.**

March 12, 2010  
(Date)

/s/ Edward J. Record  
Edward J. Record  
Chief Financial Officer and  
Chief Operating Officer