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FORM 3

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Name and Address of Reporting Person* Oak Hill Securities GenPar, L.P. ______ (First) (Middle) 201 Main Street, Suite 2415 ______ (Street) Fort Worth TX 76102 ______ (City) (State) (Zip) Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 12/28/01 3. IRS Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an Entity (Voluntary) 4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Stage Stores, Inc. ("STGS") Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer (Check all applicable) [_] 10% Owner
[_] Officer (give title below) [X] Other (enc [X] Other (specify below)**

6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)

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7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line) [X] Form Filed by One Reporting Person [_] Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	Indirect (I)	4. Nature (Instr	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share		(I)	(2	
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Reminder: Report on a separate line owned directly or indirect		s beneficially		
 * If the Form is filed by more th 5(b)(v). ** May be deemed a member of a Sec the Issuer's outstanding Common 	tion 13(d) group that owns			
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3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable (Instr. 4) and Expiration Date

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	(Month/Day/Year)		Amount or	sion Exerc	
Security (Instr. 4)	cisable	Expira- tion Date	Title	Number of Shares	Price Deriv Secur

Explanation of Responses: (1) The Reporting Person is the general partner of Oak Hill Securities Fund, L.P., which is the direct owner of 1,681,506 shares of Common Stock. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities in excess of its direct or indirect interest in the profits or capital accounts of Oak Hill Securities Fund, L.P., and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of these securities in excess of such amount.

The Reporting Person may be deemed a member of a Section 13(d) group that owns more than 10% of the Issuer's outstanding Common Stock. However, the Reporting Person disclaims such group membership, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Person is a member of a Section 13(d) group that owns more than 10% of the Issuer's Common Stock for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

Oak Hill Securities GenPar, L.P.

By: Oak Hill Securities MPG, Inc.,
 its general partner

/s/ Glenn R. August January 9, 2002

**Signature of Reporting Person

Name: Glenn R. August

Title: President

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See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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