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January 08, 2002

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

(Amendment No. 1)

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934\*

Stage Stores, Inc.

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value

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(Title of Class of Securities)

85254C305

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(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

Daniel S. Loeb  
Third Point Management Company L.L.C.  
12 East 49th Street, 28th Floor  
New York, NY 10017  
(212) 224-7400

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person  
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

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January 4, 2002

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(Date of Event which Requires  
Filing of this Schedule)

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\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

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The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)				
	Daniel S. Loeb				
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP	(a)	[X]		
		(b)	[ ]		
3	SEC USE ONLY				
4	SOURCE OF FUNDS*				
	N/A				
5	CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDING IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e)			[ ]	
6	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION				
	United States				
	7	SOLE VOTING POWER			
			0		
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER			
			948,000		
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER			
			0		
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER			
			948,000		
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH PERSON				

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948,000

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES\* [ ]

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

4.7%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON\*

IN

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

Third Point Management Company L.L.C. I.D. #13-3922602

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) [X]  
(b) [ ]

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS\*

N/A

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDING IS REQUIRED  
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e) [ ]

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

7 SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF  
SHARES 0

BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH 8 SHARED VOTING POWER  
948,000

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REPORTING PERSON WITH	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
		0	
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		948,000	
11	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH PERSON		
	948,000		
12	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*		[ ]
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)		
	4.7%		
14	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*		
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This Amendment No. 1 (this "Amendment No. 1") amends the Schedule 13D filed on behalf of Third Point Management Company L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company (the "Management Company"), and Daniel S. Loeb, an individual ("Mr. Loeb" and, together with the Management Company, the "Reporting Persons") with respect to the common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of Stage Stores, Inc., a Nevada corporation (the "Company"), on November 20, 2001 (the "Original Schedule 13D"). Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Original Schedule 13D. This Amendment No. 1 is being filed to report that the holdings of the Reporting Persons have fallen below 5% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

Item 3 of the Original Schedule 13D is hereby amended by the deletion of the text thereof and the replacement of such text with the following:

The Funds expended an aggregate of approximately \$7,047,556.91 of their own investment capital to acquire the 948,000 shares of Common Stock held by them (the "Shares"). 702,047 shares of the Shares were acquired by the Reporting Persons on September 25, 2001 upon conversion

of 8.5% Senior Notes of the Company, due 2005, having a face amount of \$15,175,000, issued on June 17, 1997 ("Notes"). The remainder of the Shares were acquired in open market purchases.

The Funds effect purchases of securities primarily through margin accounts maintained for them with Bear, Stearns Securities Corp. (the "Primary Broker")

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which may extend margin credit to the Funds as and when required to open or carry positions in the margin accounts, subject to applicable Federal margin regulations, stock exchange rules and the firm's credit policies. In such instances, the positions held in the margin accounts are pledged as collateral security for the repayment of debit balances in the accounts.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

Schedule A of the Original Schedule 13D is hereby replaced with Schedule A attached hereto.

Item 5 of the Original Schedule 13D is hereby amended by the deletion of the text thereof and the replacement of such text with the following:

(a) As of the date of this Amendment No. 1, the Management Company beneficially owns 948,000 shares of Common Stock. The Management Company shares voting and dispositive

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power over such holdings with Mr. Loeb and with the Funds. As of October 1, 2001, the Shares represented 4.7% of the total 19,972,653 shares of Common Stock outstanding as reported in the Company's Amendment No. 1 to Form 10 filed on December 13, 2001 to register securities of the Company. None of the individual Funds owns a number of shares of Common Stock equal to or greater than 5% of such total Common Stock outstanding.

(b) The Management Company and Mr. Loeb share voting and dispositive power over the 948,000 shares of Common Stock held directly by the Funds.

(c) Schedule A hereto sets forth certain information with respect to transactions by the Funds, at the direction of the Reporting Persons, in the Common Stock during the past sixty days.

All of the transactions set forth on Schedule A, except as may be otherwise noted therein, were effected in open market purchases on the New York Stock Exchange through the Primary Broker.

Except as set forth above, during the last sixty days there were no transactions in the Common Stock effected by the Reporting Persons, nor, to the best of their knowledge, any of their directors, executive officers, general partners or members.

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(d) Other than the Funds which directly hold the Shares, and except as set forth in this Item 5, no person is known to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, the Shares.

(e) The Reporting Persons ceased to be the beneficial owners of more than five percent of the total outstanding Common Stock on January 4, 2002.

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Schedule A

(Transactions by the Funds in Common Stock  
during the past sixty days)

Date	Shares Purchased	Shares Sold	Price Per Share
11/15/01	461,978		\$9.8175
11/19/01	15,975		\$11.0000
01/04/02		277,000	\$24.0209
01/07/02		25,000	\$24.0000

SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of our knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: January 8, 2002

THIRD POINT MANAGEMENT COMPANY L.L.C.

By: /s/ Daniel S. Loeb

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Name: Daniel S. Loeb  
Title: Managing Member

Dated: January 8, 2002

/s/ Daniel S. Loeb

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Daniel S. Loeb