

STAGE STORES INC
Form SC 13G
March 27, 2013

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No.)*

STAGE STORES, INC.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 Per Share

(Title of Class of Securities)

85254C305
(CUSIP Number)

March 26, 2013
(Date of Event which Requires Filing
of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)
- Rule 13d-1(c)
- Rule 13d-1(d)

*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 the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

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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1NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

S.A.C. Capital Advisors, L.P.

2CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a)

(b)

3SEC USE ONLY

4CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

5SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED
BY
EACH
REPORTING
PERSON
WITH:

0

6SHARED VOTING POWER

1,695,256 (see Item 4)

7SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

8SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

1,695,256 (see Item 4)

9AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,695,256 (see Item 4)

10CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

11PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

5.3% (see Item 4)

12TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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Delaware

5SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY
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EACH
REPORTING
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WITH:

0
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1,695,256 (see Item 4)
7SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

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S.A.C. Capital Associates, LLC

2CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

- (a)
- (b)

3SEC USE ONLY

4CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Anguilla, British West Indies

5SOLE VOTING POWER

0

NUMBER OF
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED
BY
EACH
REPORTING
PERSON
WITH:

6SHARED VOTING POWER

1,685,163 (see Item 4)

7SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

8SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

1,685,163 (see Item 4)

9AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,685,163 (see Item 4)

10CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

11PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

5.3% (see Item 4)

12TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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CR Intrinsic Investors, LLC

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(a)

(b)

3SEC USE ONLY

4CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

Delaware

5SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED
BY
EACH
REPORTING
PERSON
WITH:

0

6SHARED VOTING POWER

67,000 (see Item 4)

7SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

8SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

67,000 (see Item 4)

9AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

67,000 (see Item 4)

10CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

11PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

0.2% (see Item 4)

12TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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1NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Steven A. Cohen

2CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

- (a)
- (b)

3SEC USE ONLY

4CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

United States

5SOLE VOTING POWER

0

NUMBER OF
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED
BY
EACH
REPORTING
PERSON
WITH:

6SHARED VOTING POWER

1,762,256 (see Item 4)

7SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

0

8SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

1,762,256 (see Item 4)

9AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,762,256 (see Item 4)

10CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

11PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

5.5% (see Item 4)

12TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

IN

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Item 1(a) Name of Issuer:

Stage Stores, Inc.

Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

10201 Main Street, Houston, Texas 77025

Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing:

This statement is filed by: (i) S.A.C. Capital Advisors, L.P. ("SAC Capital Advisors LP") with respect to shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Shares"), of the Issuer beneficially owned by S.A.C. Capital Associates, LLC ("SAC Capital Associates"), S.A.C. MultiQuant Fund, L.P. ("SAC MultiQuant Fund") and S.A.C. Velocity Fund, LLC ("SAC Velocity Fund"); (ii) S.A.C. Capital Advisors, Inc. ("SAC Capital Advisors Inc.") with respect to Shares beneficially owned by SAC Capital Advisors LP, SAC Capital Associates, SAC MultiQuant Fund and SAC Velocity Fund; (iii) SAC Capital Associates with respect to Shares beneficially owned by it; (iv) CR Intrinsic Investors, LLC ("CR Intrinsic Investors") with respect to Shares beneficially owned by CR Intrinsic Investments, LLC ("CR Intrinsic Investments"); and (v) Steven A. Cohen with respect to Shares beneficially owned by SAC Capital Advisors LP, SAC Capital Advisors Inc., SAC Capital Associates, SAC MultiQuant Fund, SAC Velocity Fund, CR Intrinsic Investors and CR Intrinsic Investments.

SAC Capital Advisors LP, SAC Capital Advisors Inc., SAC Capital Associates, CR Intrinsic Investors and Steven A. Cohen have entered into a Joint Filing Agreement, a copy of which is filed with this Schedule 13G as Exhibit 99.1, pursuant to which they have agreed to file this Schedule 13G jointly in accordance with the provisions of Rule 13d-1(k) of the Act.

Item 2(b) Address or Principal Business Office:

The address of the principal business office of (i) SAC Capital Advisors LP, SAC Capital Advisors Inc., CR Intrinsic Investors and Mr. Cohen is 72 Cummings Point Road, Stamford, Connecticut 06902; and (ii) SAC Capital Associates is Mitchell House, The Valley, Anguilla, British West Indies.

Item 2(c) Citizenship:

SAC Capital Advisors LP is a Delaware limited partnership. SAC Capital Advisors Inc. is a Delaware corporation. SAC Capital Associates is an

Anguillan limited liability company. CR Intrinsic Investors is a Delaware limited liability company. Mr. Cohen is a United States citizen.

Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities:
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

Item 2(e) CUSIP Number:
85254C305

Item 3 Not Applicable

Item 4 Ownership:

The percentages used herein are calculated based upon the Shares of common stock issued and outstanding as of February 2, 2013 as reported on Exhibit 99 to the Issuer's 8-K furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 12, 2013.

As of the close of business on March 26, 2013:

1. S.A.C. Capital Advisors, L.P.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 1,695,256
- (b) Percent of class: 5.3%
- (c)(i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
- (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 1,695,256
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
- (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 1,695,256

2. S.A.C. Capital Advisors, Inc.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 1,695,256
- (b) Percent of class: 5.3%
- (c)(i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
- (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 1,695,256
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
- (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 1,695,256

3. S.A.C. Capital Associates, LLC

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 1,685,163
- (b) Percent of class: 5.3%
- (c)(i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
- (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 1,685,163
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
- (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 1,685,163

4. CR Intrinsic Investors, LLC

(a) Amount beneficially owned: 67,000

(b) Percent of class: 0.2%

(c)(i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-

(ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 67,000

(iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-

(iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 67,000

5. Steven A. Cohen

(a) Amount beneficially owned: 1,762,256

(b) Percent of class: 5.5%

(c)(i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-

(ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 1,762,256

(iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-

(iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 1,762,256

SAC Capital Advisors LP, SAC Capital Advisors Inc., CR Intrinsic Investors and Mr. Cohen own directly no Shares. Pursuant to an investment management agreement, SAC Capital Advisors LP maintains investment and voting power with respect to the securities held by SAC Capital Associates, SAC MultiQuant Fund and SAC Velocity Fund. SAC Capital Advisors Inc. is the general partner of SAC Capital Advisors LP. Pursuant to an investment management agreement, CR Intrinsic Investors maintains investment and voting power with respect to the securities held by CR Intrinsic Investments. Mr. Cohen controls each of SAC Capital Advisors Inc. and CR Intrinsic Investors. CR Intrinsic Investments is a wholly owned subsidiary of SAC Capital Associates. By reason of the provisions of Rule 13d-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, each of (i) SAC Capital Advisors LP, SAC Capital Advisors Inc. and Mr. Cohen may be deemed to beneficially own 1,695,256 Shares (constituting approximately 5.3% of the Shares outstanding); and (ii) CR Intrinsic Investors and Mr. Cohen may be deemed to beneficially own 67,000 Shares (constituting approximately 0.2% of the Shares outstanding). Each of SAC Capital Advisors LP, SAC Capital Advisors Inc., CR Intrinsic Investors and Mr. Cohen disclaims beneficial ownership of any of the securities covered by this statement, and SAC Capital Associates disclaims beneficial ownership of any securities held by CR Intrinsic Investments.

Item 5

Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following.

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Item 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:

Not Applicable

Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company:

Not Applicable

Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:

Not Applicable

Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group:

Not Applicable

Item 10 Certification:

By signing below the signatory certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE

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

Dated: March 27, 2013

S.A.C. CAPITAL ADVISORS, L.P.

By: /s/ Peter Nussbaum
Name: Peter Nussbaum
Title: Authorized Person

S.A.C. CAPITAL ADVISORS, INC.

By: /s/ Peter Nussbaum
Name: Peter Nussbaum
Title: Authorized Person

S.A.C. CAPITAL ASSOCIATES, LLC

By: /s/ Peter Nussbaum
Name: Peter Nussbaum
Title: Authorized Person

CR INTRINSIC INVESTORS, LLC

By: /s/ Peter Nussbaum
Name: Peter Nussbaum
Title: Authorized Person

STEVEN A. COHEN

By: /s/ Peter Nussbaum
Name: Peter Nussbaum
Title: Authorized Person