

TREASURED FAMILY MUSICALS

2018 Benches on the Avenue



Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
Artist: Nick Schulien
Sponsor: Ed & Joe's Restaurant & Pizzeria
Location: Zabrocki Plaza South, 17375 S. Oak Park Avenue
 In "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," a beautiful princess is beset with problems created by her cruel stepmother but is able to overcome all obstacles and find true love. This bench was crafted using stuffing, cloth, fake fur and ribbon.
About the Artist: Nick is a lifetime resident of Tinley Park and has been participating in the bench program for many years. He is a retired art teacher and enjoys the creative challenges the benches present.



Little Shop of Horrors
Artists: Nick Schulien, Jennifer Lilly and Becca Zavala
Sponsor: Zaibak Center for Dentistry
Location: Zabrocki Plaza North, 17375 S. Oak Park Avenue
 "Little Shop of Horrors" tells the story of Seymour, an orphan who comes across a strange and unusual plant he names Audrey II. Seymour gains recognition for his strange find, but it comes at a price due to Audrey II's strange appetite. The materials used for this bench include plywood, paint, clear plastic sheeting, indoor/outdoor carpeting, cloth, stuffing, 2x4s and chicken wire.
About the Artists: Bench artist Nick and his daughters Jennifer and Becca have been involved with the Benches program for many years, creating more than 60 pieces between them. The trio said seeing their creations on Oak Park Avenue gives them enjoyment because it's something that makes Tinley Park unique.



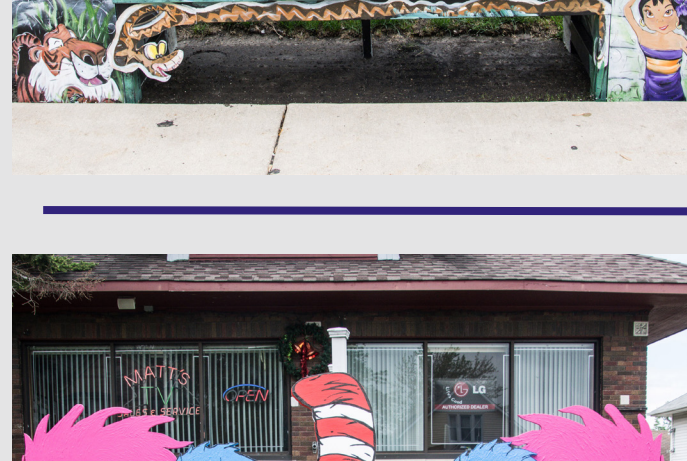
Minutes 'til Midnight
Artist: Bethany Nemecek
Sponsor: First Midwest Bank
Location: 17313 S. Oak Park Avenue
 "Minutes 'til Midnight" brings Benches fans into the magical world of Cinderella just minutes before the clock strikes midnight. Bold colors, layered wood cutouts and glitter come together to portray one of the most classic fairy tales of all time.
About the Artist: Bethany is a fifth-year participant, and 2018 marks her second year as a solo artist. A resident of Tinley Park, Bethany graduated from the Illinois Institute of Art. She held a place on her school's bench design team during her three years of attendance pursuing a bachelor of fine arts in interior design. Bethany said she enjoys bringing art to life in 3D so people can enjoy it while also being a part of it.



The Wiz
Artists: Hillcrest High School Art Society
Sponsor: Panduit Corporation
Location: 17255 S. Oak Park Avenue
 "The Wiz" bench is a tribute to the Broadway musical of the same name and features a combination of visuals from the stage performance, movie and recent made-for-television adaptation. The bench was constructed using materials such as wood, PVC pipe, metal and other found items.
About the Artists: Timeon Oyeyemi, Mia Jones, Lilyana Hinkle, Tyler Allen, and Kayla Weddington are recent graduates of Hillcrest High School. Mia is this year's valedictorian, and Timeon is salutatorian.



Jungle Beat
Artist: Raye Ann Saunoris
Sponsor: The Maanum Family
Location: 17217 S. Oak Park Avenue
 This bench features a colorful 3D jungle scene portraying characters from the movie "Jungle Book," all of whom are dancing to the song "Jungle Beat." It includes Mowgli the man cub, Baloo the sloth bear and Bagheera the black panther.
About the Artist: Raye Ann is the founder of a Black Color, a painting, design and mural business of almost 20 years. She is also a published illustrator. Her family includes her husband, Kevin, and her sons, Beau and Bladen. Beau will attend Valparaiso University, and Bladen attends Tinley Park High School.



Seussical the Musical
Artists: Providence Catholic High School Studio Art Class
Sponsor: Aero Rubber Company, Inc.
Location: 17236 S. Oak Park Avenue
 Dr. Seuss is an all-time favorite of children and adults alike. This colorful representation of the lovable characters and scenery will attract many and invites visitors to become Thing 1 and Thing 2.
About the Artists: This is the third bench created by the art students of Providence Catholic High School. The assignment is collaborative and is something the students get very excited about.



The Sound of Music
Artist: Trinity Glass
Sponsor: Rizza Buick/GMC/Cadillac Inc.
Location: 17244 S. Oak Park Avenue
 "The Sound of Music" bench is based on the beloved family musical of the same name and features a hilltop scene with Maria and mountains behind her. The two planters feature the Von Trap children as puppeteers and the goats from the puppet show scene in the musical.
About the Artist: Trinity Glass is a 14-year-old artist who has won many local school artist awards and is a student of fellow bench artist Raye Ann Saunoris. She is an eighth-grade student at Central Middle School who enjoys music as well as art in every fashion.



Journey to Neverland
Artists: T.F. South High School Art Club
Sponsor: Robinson Engineering, Ltd.
Location: 17316 S. Oak Park Avenue
 "Journey to Neverland" shows main characters and symbols from the Disney musical "Peter Pan." In it, Peter is smiling sheepishly on a cloud while Tinkerbell flies overhead. Water is layered across the front and flows to the right with driftwood in the middle. A ship's wheel and crocodile are on the back of the boxes. A clock tower stands tall with clouds and a silhouette of other characters is across the bright moon.
About the Artists: Michele Owens is an art teacher and the Art Club sponsor. She has participated in the Benches program as an individual and with her family since 2009. The Art Club is excited about participating for the first time.



Moana
Artist: Jennifer Lilly
Sponsor: The Odyssey
Location: 17322 S. Oak Park Avenue
 "Moana" is a Disney musical about a girl who fulfills an ancient quest and discovers her own identity. The score, which was partially written by Lin-Manuel Miranda, is uplifting and sung in English as well as Polynesian. The bench was constructed using plywood, paint, 2x4s, indoor/outdoor carpeting, artificial flowers, canvas, fabric, greenery and insulating foam.
About the Artist: This is Jennifer's 13th year participating in the Benches program. She said she really enjoys bringing different characters and themes to life on a large scale and has created 33 benches. Jennifer is an Oak Forest resident but grew up in Tinley Park, where she's worked for the last 28 years.



Tuppence a Bag
Artist: Sherrie Bartolini Ordaz and Michael Woodman
Sponsor: E. Anthony, Inc.
Location: 17332 S. Oak Park Avenue
 This bench is inspired by the iconic musical "Mary Poppins." It uses plywood, fiberglass resin, glow-in-the-dark paint, acrylic paints and canvas. It also uses various recycled and up-cycled items and stain.
About the Artists: This is Sherrie and Michael's third year of bench designing. They both love to work with various materials, from wood to fiberglass. They said creating all types of art is their passion, and that working on art projects together brings them happiness.



Hercules
Artist: Nick Schulien
Sponsor: S.P. Management, Inc.
Location: Oak Park Avenue and Hickory Street
 The "Hercules" bench is based on the 1997 animated Disney film of the same name, which in turn was inspired by a Greek folk epic involving the escapades of the titular son of Zeus, who goes from an awkward adolescent to the wonder of the ancient world. The bench uses cloth, concrete tubes, plastic and foam.
About the Artist: Nick is a former art teacher who enjoys working on creative projects. He's a lifetime resident of Tinley Park and has been participating in the bench program for many years.



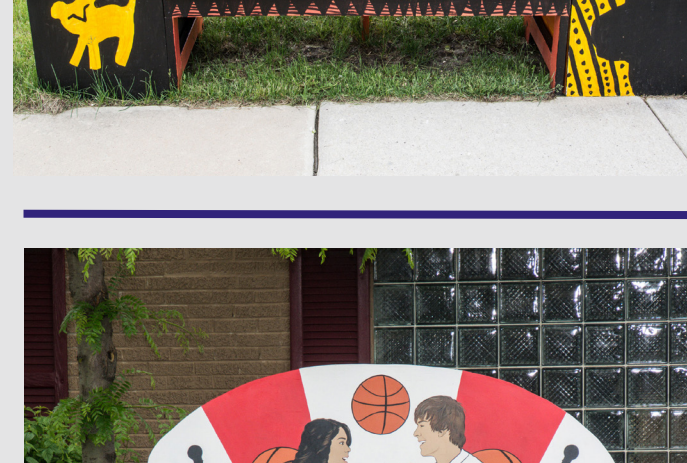
Hats Off to Gene Wilder: 1933-2016
Artists: Lorin and Landon Kirksey
Sponsor: Hailstorm Brewing Co.
Location: 17424 S. Oak Park Avenue
 This bench is a tribute to actor Gene Wilder, who passed away in 2016 after a long and successful career in film and television. The bench focuses on perhaps Wilder's most famous film, "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory," which was released in 1971 and has become a family favorite. In keeping with the theme, the bench features a 3-D candy bar made out of wood and paint.
About the Artists: This is a father and son team and they enjoy tackling art projects together. They have been Tinley Park residents for the past 10 years.



The Lion King
Artists: The Painted Turtle
Sponsor: Martin Whalen, a Xerox Company
Location: 17433 S. Oak Park Avenue
 This bench features a large-scale painting of the iconic "Lion King" head in its center, as well as the famous symbol of Simba and a side profile of the same character. On the back is a sunset with "The Lion King" logo and pictures of giraffes and a lion. The bench is painted with acrylic paint.
About the Artists: The Painted Turtle is a local art studio for adults with intellectual disabilities. The studio has a group of artists with endless and boundless passion to create. This is the second year the Painted Turtle is participating in Benches on the Avenue. The individuals they serve are very excited about it.



Bet on Us
Artists: Kathleen De Jong, Shelby O'Hara and Tasha Swindle
Sponsor: Lawn Funeral Home
Location: 17459 S. Oak Park Avenue
 This bench features the two main characters from the film "High School Musical" on the front, along with a background of iconic objects from the movies. Plywood is attached to make a taller, round back, which has a school bulletin board and basketball hoop screwed into it. The characters' faces are featured on the flower boxes, as well as East High memorabilia.
About the Artists: Kathleen is a painter and aspiring illustrator who paints nature and people. Tasha is an art teacher in training who loves crafting of all kinds. Shelby is a graphic designer who can make art of all styles.



Shrek
Artist: Jennifer Lilly
Sponsor: Bettenhausen Automotive
Location: 17401 S. Oak Park Avenue
 "Shrek" is a fun movie about an ogre who agrees to rescue a princess to get his land back. He meets many magical creatures along the way. The music fits well with the film and has always been one of the artist's favorites. Jennifer used plywood, paint, canvas, greenery and other materials.
About the Artist: Jennifer said she really enjoys being a bench artist, adding that it's fun and challenging for her to create the different designs each year and rewarding to see the benches being used on Oak Park Avenue. She's created 33 benches in the last 13 years.