

Benches on the Avenue 2005



Wizard of Oz
Artist: *Marty Rose*
This bench was created by a local artist who lives in Tinley Park with his wife and three daughters. His bench highlights several scenes from the classic movie including the wicked witch, her henchman and crystal ball, the infamous ruby slippers, and the endearing characters from the movie -- Dorothy, Toto, the Scarecrow, the Tin Man, and the Lion.

Production: Tinley Park

Artist: *Lefie Lindokken*
Lefie, a 7th Grade student at Central Middle School, produced this bench featuring a giant Hollywood Director's clap board, as a tribute to the Village of Tinley Park. The production is called "Tinley Park" with Edward Zabrocki as the Director. The scene is Main Street and the scene number is 115, signifying that Tinley Park has been a town for 115 years!



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Lights, Camera, Action

Artist: *Emmanuel Calungcaguin*
This bench depicts popular children's movies, such as Ice Age and Wizard of Oz. It was designed and decorated by a talented fifth grader from Cardinal Bernardin School, who dedicated the bench to the memory of his sister.

Let My People Go

Artist: *Tim O'Brien*
This artist grew up and has lived in Tinley Park for most of his life. He has been pursuing art since the year 2000. This seven foot tall fiberglass figure of Moses parting the Red Sea is a scene from the epic film "The Ten Commandments".



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Hollywood Couples

Artist: *Lauren Wolski*
This Tinley Park artist participated in last year's Benches on the Avenue program and found it a great way to showcase local talent. Her bench celebrates Hollywood romances featuring famous couples in scenes from Casablanca, It's a Wonderful Life, and Gone with the Wind.

Follow Your Dreams

Artist: *Maria Tubay*
This artwork, created by a local artist who was born and raised in Tinley Park, features the yellow brick road and the beautiful land of Oz from the 1939 film classic The Wizard of Oz.



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Epic Stars

Artist: *Val Fischer*
A tribute to all great stars of the past, this bench depicts images of some of Hollywood's best, including John Wayne, Marilyn Monroe, Clark Gable and Groucho Marx. The stars on the planters represent the stars on the Hollywood Walk-of-Fame. This bench was created by a long-time Tinley Park resident who has a great passion for the arts.

Here's Lookin' At You, Tinley Park!

Artist: *Lefie Lindokken*
Lefie is a 7th grade student at Central Middle School and a talented second-year Benches on the Avenue artist. "Here's Lookin' at you, Tinley Park!" depicts a Casablanca theme with black and white Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman portraits on all sides.



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Another Fine Mess

Artist: *Nick Schulien*
From 1917 to 1950, Laurel and Hardy entertained millions of people around the world playing off each other as they struggled to fit into society. This comedic pair was designed by a long-time Tinley Park resident and retired art teacher.

Reel Life

Artist: *Andrew Bolek*
Created by a graduate of the American Academy of Art in Chicago, this bench represents the coming of movies in a timeframe. Starting with a film reel and a 25 cent ticket stub and proceeding to an old car at the drive-in. It continues with a movie theatre and popcorn and ultimately some video arcade games. The artwork is overcast by a spotlight which encloses the name Tinley Park.



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Terror of the '30s

Artist: *Nick Schulien*
A Tinley Park resident for more than 50 years, this artist designed the bench based on the early black and white horror films. These films were based on novels, historic facts and people's fascination with Egyptian artifacts. These scary films have stood the test of time with audiences.

Little Tramp

Artist: *Brooke Stanton*
This bench depicts a life-size version of Charlie Chaplin, a famous movie star and producer from the 1920s, whose nickname was the Little Tramp. The artist was born and raised in Tinley Park and is a graduate of Northern Illinois University.



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Stars on the Avenue

Artist: *Jamie M. Hoke*
The design of this bench focuses on the people that make Hollywood what it is today: the great actors and actresses. Inspired by the work of Andy Warhol, this design depicts Hollywood with painted images of actors and actresses, each in a box and then painted in two colors only. This artist is a graduate of Illinois State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree, specializing in Graphic Design. Currently working as a Graphic Designer, she enjoys expressing herself through her artwork.

Dedicated to Oscar Black

Artist: *Frederick R. Owens*
This design pays homage to the many black Hollywood actors from Hattie McDaniel to Halle Berry. The creator is a resident artist of the Union Street Gallery in Chicago Heights and holds a BFA from Northern Illinois University.



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Marilyn Forever

Artist: *Lisa Januszewski*
In her second year as a Benches on the Avenue artist, this Tinley Park resident has enjoyed art as her passionate hobby since childhood. In pink, silver and glitter, she has portrayed America's Favorite Blonde, Marilyn Monroe. The hand-painted murals capture a few of the many moods of an actress as timeless as her work.

At The Movies

Artist: *Russell Block*
This Tinley Park resident studied at the University of Illinois at Chicago and has exhibited his paintings and murals in Illinois and Wisconsin. This bench depicts America's favorite pastime -- going to the movies. Alone or with a friend, where would Hollywood be without the fans?



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Forever Funny

Artist: *Nancy Bare*
A wife and mother for two decades, this artist has had no formal art training, but has an appreciation and curiosity for various mediums, which led her to this project. The Three Stooges have been the reigning kings of comedy for over 70 years. This tribute to their classic humor is done in historic hues of Hollywood. Forever frantic and eternally funny, this team of madmen has always kept us laughing!

Memories of Hollywood

Artist: *Amy Cook*
This bench was designed to celebrate old Hollywood's Black and White Movies in a collage format. Icons of Hollywood are present in the Walk of Fame, Grauman's Chinese Theater, Oscar, Godzilla and the Hollywood sign. The imagery is Black and White with touches of color to signify present Hollywood and the marriage of both old and new.



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Director's Chair

Artist: *Gail Brodie*
This part-time artist holds a degree in design from the University of Illinois at Chicago and works in all media. Her bench celebrates the Hollywood Hills and movies from the viewpoint of the director's chair. Highlighted are two beloved cartoon characters -- Mickey Mouse and Shrek.

Hollywood Bent

Artist: *Dr. Yemonja Smalls*
This bench focuses on the flashiness of the cars that stand to symbolize the power and prestige of the Hollywood Walk-of-Fame. The bench is designed by Dr. Smalls, a Director of Psychological Services, who has been painting since she was a young child.



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Grauman's Chinese Theatre

Artist: *Pat Miner*

A depiction of the Grauman's Chinese Theatre, a popular Hollywood landmark built in May, 1927 adorns this bench. The design was created by this Tinley Park resident who considers art her hobby and has studied oil painting at the Vogt Visual Art Center for the last five years.

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Take a walk through the Tinley Park Historical District to view the wonderful benches...



Hollywood Stars

Artist: *Dr. Yemonja Smalls*

The Director of Psychological Services at the Howe Center in Tinley Park, this artist is most commonly known for her work as an artist. Painting since she was a child, Dr. Smalls focuses on the intimacy of family relationships. This bench reflects a collage of familiar Hollywood faces in full color.

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Here Comes Hollywood

Artist: *Fine Arts Department Students of Tinley Park High School*

Created cooperatively by a group of talented high school students, the renowned Hollywood sign on the center of the bench is the main focal point of this artwork. The design is flanked with the Hollywood



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walkway and actor's names on each side. A pair of Oscars and a clap board round out the theme. The solar-powered lights on each side illuminate the sign after the sun goes down.



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Fairy Tales to Film

Artist: *Fifth Grade Students from Millennium School*

Tales such as Cinderella, Snow White, Beauty and the Beast and Sleeping Beauty have inspired many filmmakers. This bench design, a collaboration of these Tinley Park students under the direction of art teacher Mary Grochocinski, shows how Hollywood captures these images on film creating lasting memories for young and old alike. Each star on the bench was created by one of the students involved in its creation.

Mulholland Drive

Artist: *Kevin Connaughton*

A graduate of Columbia College and a Tinley Park resident, this artist designed a bench that pays homage to "Rebel Without a Cause" star, James Dean. Dean is shown behind a simulated plexiglass windshield driving his famous Porsche 550 Spyder.



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