**Benches on the Avenue 2005**

1. **Wizard of Oz**
   - **Artist:** Lidia Bare
   - **Description:** This bench was created by a local artist who lives in Tinley Park with her two daughters. The bench highlights several scenes from the classic movie including the witch with her broomstick and crystal ball, the infamous ruby slippers, and the chemistry that is Oz. The bench features four life-size figures from the movie – Dorothy, Ti-Ti, the Scarecrow, the Tin Man, and the Lion.
   - **Location:** Oak Park Ave. & South St.
   - **Sponsor:** Gatto’s Pizza & Catering

2. **Hollywood Couples**
   - **Artist:** Lauren Wolfe
   - **Description:** This Tinley Park artist participated in last year’s Benches on the Avenue project and found it a great way to raise local talent. Her bench celebrates Hollywood romances featuring famous couples from scenes from Casablanca, It’s a Wonderful Life, Gone with the Wind, The Godfather, and many others.
   - **Location:** Zabrocki Plaza, South Side
   - **Sponsor:** Pronger Smith Medical Care

3. **Follow Your Dreams**
   - **Artist:** Lance Schuh
   - **Description:** 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 theater and pops corn and ultimately some video arcade games. The artwork is accentuated by a spotlight which encloses the name Tinley Park.
   - **Location:** Zabrocki Plaza, North Side
   - **Sponsor:** Ed & Joe’s Restaurant & Bar

4. **Stars on the Avenue**
   - **Artist:** Jack White
   - **Description:** The theme 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, such as Marjorie Reynolds, Ingrid Bergman, Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, and many others.
   - **Location:** Oak Park Ave. & 171st St.
   - **Sponsor:** Lachante Construction

5. **Memories of Hollywood**
   - **Artist:** Amy Cook
   - **Description:** This bench was designed to celebrate old Hollywood movies in a collage format. Some of Hollywood are present in the Walk of Fame, including Keanu Reeves, Mel Gibson, and the Hollywood sign. The imagery is black and white with touches of color to signify present Hollywood and the marriages of both old and new.
   - **Location:** Oak Park Ave. & 171st St.
   - **Sponsor:** Theatre Center

6. **Production: Tinley Park**
   - **Artist:** Gary Gimbel
   - **Description:** Lefty, a 7th Grade student at Central Middle School, produced this bench featuring a giant Hollywood Director’s chair 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 movie town for 115 years.
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7. **Lights, Camera, Action**
   - **Artist:** Ernesto Colares
   - **Description:** This bench depicts popular childhood movies, such as Ice Age and Wizard of Oz. It was designed and balanced by a talented 5th grade student from Cardinal Bernardin School, who dedicated the bench to the memory of his sister.
   - **Location:** Oak Park Ave. & 171st St.
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8. **Let My People Go**
   - **Artist:** Sue O’Brien
   - **Description:** This artist grew up and lives in Tinley Park for most of her life. Her family has been involved in every Hollywood event since 1936. 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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9. **Here’s Lookin’ At You, Tinley Park!**
   - **Artist:** Marv Zabrocki
   - **Description:** Lefty’s 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 Casablanca theme with black and white Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman portraits on all sides.
   - **Location:** Oak Park Ave. & 171st St.
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10. **At The Movies**
    - **Artist:** Mary Buck
    - **Description:** This bench depicts a life-size version of Charlie Chaplin, a famous movie artist 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.
    - **Location:** Oak Park Ave. & 171st St.
    - **Sponsor:** Bettenhausen Dodge

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    - **Artist:** Amy Cook
    - **Description:** This bench was created by a local artist with a passion for the arts. She has a great passion for the arts. This bench focuses on the flashiness of the cars that stand to symbolize the power and prestige of Hollywood's Walk of Fame. The bench represents the Hollywood Hills and movies from the viewpoint of someone's fascination with Egyptian artifacts. These scary films were based on novels, historic facts and people's fascination with Egyptian artifacts. These scary films have stood the test of time.
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