# TWISTERS #4 - Burbank, OK **LOCATION #1**

#5 - El Reno, OK

**HWY 81 & HWY 3** 

The overpass at the intersection of State Highway 81 and State Highway 3 is where the film's opening storm sequence was filmed using a combination of on-location filming and additional set construction on soundstages located at Oklahoma City's Prairie Surf Studio.



**LOCATION #3 Lone Ranger** 9317 OK-8

"If you feel it, chase it." Currently non-operational, this rural gas station is where the film first introduces us to Glen Powell's character Tyler Owens and his group of storm chasers known as tornado wranglers

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### **LOCATION #2 Park Avenue**

Downtown Oklahoma City's Park Avenue between Broadway and Robinson was transformed into New York City for the film as local streets were adorned with taxi cabs, subway signs, and more. In additional to Gilded Acorn pictured here. Corporate Tower, a nearby multi-use office space on Robinson, also doubled as an NYC-based National Weather Service Center.

#### **LOCATION #4** County Rd 4030 & HWY 18

Located 30 minutes west of Pawhuska, storm chasing sequences were filmed along these roadways in Burbank including scenes in which a tornado rips apart wind farm and is later disrupted by fireworks.

#### **LOCATION #5 Bickford Avenue**

The heart of El Reno's historic downtown between Russell and Woodson St. became the setting for a local farmer's market, which sees one of the film's most explosive tornado sequences. Flying debris nods to the local scenery, ranging from the community's Heritage Express Trolley to oil derricks, and a collapsing water tower, which through digital "movie magic" was relocated to this area. The production even painted a custom mural for the film, which can be seen on the northwest corner of Bickford and Woodson on the JKM Jewelry Gifts & Locksmith building.



# MUSIC



The "Twisters" movie soundtrack features four Oklahoma music artists:

- Wyatt Flores (Stillwater)
- Wilderado (Tulsa)
- Ken Pomeroy (Moore)James McAlister (Tulsa)

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#### LOCATIONS CONTINUED

#### **Brewer Field**

Location: 8812 NE 23rd St. Midwest City, OK 73141 Located directly across the street from Colonial Motel, this privately-owned, empty land lot was used to stage the film's scripted Stillwater Rodeo Arena.

#### **Colonial Motel**

Location: 8717 NE 23rd St., Spencer, OK 73141 Described by actor Glen Powell as "one of the most incredible action sequences of all time," the Colonial Motel is where the film's characters seek refuge after a tornado erupts at the rodeo. A pool and extension of the hotel's main unit were temporarily constructed on-site, while the rodeo was staged across the street from the motel at Brewer Field.

#### **The Gilded Acorn**

Location: 146 Park Ave., Oklahoma City, OK, 73102 Located in the heart of the historic First National Center in Downtown Oklahoma City, this French patisserie was recast into a Manhattan diner and is one among many locations in the area which doubled for New York City.

#### J&J Trailer MGF Inc.

Location: 4318 Newcastle Rd., Oklahoma City, OK 73119 This family-owned and operated trailer manufacturer and retailer is featured in the film when the storm chasers look to purchase new equipment to disrupt tornados.

#### **Heritage Inn**

Location: 911 N. Main St., Fairview, OK 73737
Daisy Edgar Jones's character Kate Cooper takes a minute to get to know Tyler Owens (Glen Powell) and his crew at this quaint roadside inn following one of the film's storm sequences. This scene also features a brief music performance by Oklahoma artists Ken Pomeroy and James McAlister.

#### S. 17th St. - Chickasha

Location: Between W. Iowa Ave. & W. Dakota Ave. A portion of this local Chickasha neighborhood, including the former Wandora Tavern, became the fictional town of Crystal Springs resembling the aftermath of a tornado, including the construction of temporary homes built in vacant lots to resemble destroyed properties.

#### **Midway**

Location:14413 US-81, Kremlin, OK 73753 Our cast of characters take a minute to recharge and refuel at this rural truck stop and convenience station ahead of their next storm chasing adventure.



#### **The Centre Theatre**

Location: 110 S. Bickford, El Reno, OK 73036 Dating back to the 1940s, El Reno's historic Centre Theatre has been a long-time destination for classic film screenings, live music, theatre, and now, "Twisters." This location finds our central characters seeking shelter from the destructive tornado,

Photo credit: Victoria Lee from twhich hits the El Reno Farmers

Market. Scenes were filmed both on-location, as well as at OKC's Prairie Surf Studios, where additional interior sets were constructed.

Please note this map is intended to promote local businesses and communities positively impacted by the filming of "Twisters." We do not encourage audiences to disturb any private properties when visiting locations or related sites, nor engage in any weather-related storm chases or stunts as depicted in the film as those were done in controlled environments by stunt professionals. Please call/research provided sites ahead of your visit to confirm location hours & availability.

## ABOUT THE FILM

Directed by Oscar nominee Lee Isaac Chung ("Minari") and starring Golden Globe nominee Daisy Edgar-Jones ("Where the Crawdads Sing"), Glen Powell ("Top Gun: Maverick") and Anthony Ramos ("In the Heights"), "Twisters" is a current-day chapter of the 1996 blockbuster "Twister."

Produced by Universal Pictures, principal photography on "Twisters" first began in Oklahoma City on May 8, 2023. Throughout 60 days of principal photography, "Twisters" engaged with multiple communities statewide, including El Reno, Chickasha, Midwest City, Spencer, Kingfisher, Calumet, Hinton, Fairview, Okarche, Kremlin, Burbank, Pawhuska and Yukon.

Throughout production, "Twisters" created 597 career opportunities for local crew and featured over 1.000 on-screen extras talent.



#### **BUSINESS FACTS**



The Convenience Stores For Metal®

#### **Metal Supermarkets**

The OKC-based Metal Supermarkets location supplied over \$200,000 worth of metal and fabrication support, allowing the company to hire additional support staff and provide further opportunities for existing employees.



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#### **Champion Hotels**

The largest privately held hotel operator in the United States based in Oklahoma, Champion Hotels supplied over 10,000 room nights in Oklahoma City alone for the production over the course of 6 months resulting in over \$1 MILLION in sales for the company.



#### **Yankee Dime Mercantile**

Based in Perry, OK, this small, antique business sold nearly \$10,000 worth of props for "Twisters," including a unique piece of folk art – a hanging key/light sculpture – in the interior barn scenes which was created by Buddy Mack of Newkirk.

#### OTHER RESOURCES

#### Twister Museum - Wakita

Location: 101 W. Main St., Wakita, OK 73771 This unique museum celebrates the making of the 1996 film "Twister," filmed in Wakita. Visitors will find props from the movie, including debris, memorabilia, the original "Dorothy 1," and items signed by star Bill Paxton. An on-site gift shop features t-shirts, hats, stuffed cows, and other commemorative items.

#### **National Weather Center - Norman, OK**

Location: 120 David L. Boren Blvd., Norman, OK 73072 Based in Norman, The National Weather Center is a one-of-a-kind collaborative work environment housing federal, state, and academic units including meteorologists which work together to improve our understanding of atmospheric events, especially severe and hazardous weather. Scheduled tours are offered to the public wherein groups can visit the NOAA Storm Prediction Center, the Norman National Weather Service Forecast Office and the NOAA National Severe Storms Laboratory. Additional highlights include the Flying Cow Cafe and props from the original 1996 "Twister" film including testing gadgets like Dorothy and Dot.



Under the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, the Oklahoma Film + Music Office (OF+MO) works to promote the state as a viable hub for film, television and music production as well as further develop opportunities for workforce, business and community growth within these sectors.

For more information on the Oklahoma Film + Music Office, including the state's film incentives and additional resources, visit okfilmmusic.org.

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