

GARY MOVIE THEATRES

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Art **CLOSED**

? 1920

Broadway **CLOSED**

? 1925-? 1945

* 1930 Illinois and Indiana and Theater Association of Gary, Ind. owned it. it was built by V. U. Young

Broadway I & II **CLOSED**

? 1975

General Cinemas owned this theatre.

Casino **CLOSED**

? 1920

Central **CLOSED**

? 1935-? 1945

Cosmo **CLOSED**

? 1930

Illinois-Indiana Theaters Corp. owned this theatre.

Dunes Cinemas I & II **CLOSED**

Dunes and Hobart Rd
1973-1984

* April 1973 opened as a twin by General Cinemas. it has shown blaxploitation and karate movies. rough crowds grew.

* Early 1980's the area had become rough and the crowds started to dwindle.

* 1982 became a dollar house.

* Early 1984 after a robbery, the theatre closed

Family **CLOSED**

? 1930- 1945

Owner in 1930: Theater Association of Gary, Ind Inc.

Fifth Avenue **CLOSED**

1313 West 5th Avenue
August 20, 1942-July 1956
956 seats.

* August 20, 1942 opened, it shown minor first run films including considerable British fare.

* 1953 became the 1st theatre in Gary to show 3-D movies.

* 1954 remodeled with reopening on Thanksgiving Day

* 1955 became a second-run theatre. it was booked by the Allied Buying and Booking Circuit

* July 1956 closed to become an distribution facility for the Gary-Post Tribune.

Gary **CLOSED**

475 Broadway
1913-? 1975
980 seats.

* 1913 opened

* 1925 taken over by V. U. Young

* 1930 no owners listed.

* 1935 Theatrical Managers, Inc takes it over

* 1955 Y & W Theatres takes it over

* Late 1970's closed



Gem **CLOSED**

? 1920

Glen **CLOSED ADULT**

20 W. Ridge
1968-1981, 1983
AKA: Ridge

* 1968 opened by Y & W Theatres
* Mid 1970's started to experiment with X-rated movies

* 1977 only adult movies are shown
* 1981 closed amid gang activity and violence in the area.

* 1983 a Bible group started to show movies such as "Ben-Hur" for a month.



Grand **CLOSED**

786 Broadway
? 1925-? 1950
600 seats.

* Early 1920's opened by Gregory Enterprises

* Late 1920's taken over by Illinois-Indiana Theaters Corp.

* Balaban and Katz owned it in 1940

* Early 1950's closed



Indiana **CLOSED**

1112 Broadway
? 1940-? 1955
1,000 seats.



Lake **CLOSED**

555 Broadway
? 1950

Bernstein Theaters owned this 500-seat theatre.

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Lerer **CLOSED**

? 1930

Miller **CLOSED**

? 1950
760 seats.

Moonlight Drive-In **CLOSED**

? 1950-? 1955

Orpheum **CLOSED**

? 1925-? 1930
* Early 1920's opened by V. U. Young
* Late 1920's taken over by Theater Association of Gary, Ind Inc.
* Early 1930's closed

Palace **CLOSED**

765 Broadway
1924-1972
2,458 seats.
* 1924 opened by Illinois-Indiana Theaters Corp.
* Early 1930's taken over by Theatrical Managers, Inc
* Early 1950's taken over by Y & W Theatres
* 1972 closed



Paris **CLOSED**

? 1940-? 1945

Plaza **CLOSED**

? 1930-? 1945
Owned by Theater Association of Gary, Ind Inc. in 1930

Rex **CLOSED**

? 1945

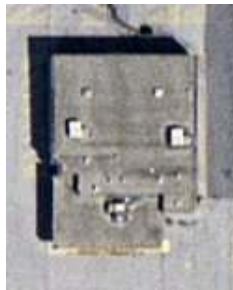
Ridge **CLOSED**

20 W. Ridge
? 1945-? 1964
670 seats.
* 1950 owned by Theatrical Managers, Inc
* 1955 owned by Y & W Theatres

Ridge Plaza Cinema I & II

CLOSED

5900 W Ridge Rd
1972-2004
700 seats
* 1972 opened as the first non single screen in Northwest Indiana. the theatre had table tops on the aisle seats of the back few rows for smokers to place ashtrays on.
* 1994 the marquee was damaged in a windstorm. it was never replaced.
* 1998 General Cinemas closed and reopened by a new owner
* December 2004 closed
* February 2005 demolished



Ritz **CLOSED**

? 1930
Owned by Theater Association of Gary, Ind Inc.

Roosevelt **CLOSED**

1446 Broadway
? 1930-? 1955
800 seats.
Afro-American theatre. it was owned by Theater Association of Gary, Ind Inc. in 1930

Roxy **CLOSED**

3764 Broadway
? 1930-? 1950
1,070 seats.
Owner in 1930: Theater Association of Gary, Ind Inc.

State **CLOSED**

21 W. 7th avenue
? 1940-? 1972
1,200 seats.
Balabian and Katz owned this theatre.



Tivoli **CLOSED**

820 W. 5th Avenue
? 1930-? 1964
1,200 seats.
* Late 1920's opened by Illinois-Indiana Theaters Corp.
* Early 1930's taken over by Theatrical Managers, Inc
* Early 1950's taken over by Y & W Theatres
* Late 1960's closed

Tolleston **CLOSED**

1123 W. 115th Avenue
? 1945-? 1950
550 seats.

Y & W Drive-In **CLOSED**

? 1955-? 1975

32 theatres found
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