



500 Festival History

1950s

YEAR	THEME	500 FESTIVAL CHAIRMAN	500 FESTIVAL QUEEN	GRAND MARSHAL
1957*		Sam Freeman		Lt. Gen. F.W. Arnold
1958*	Spectacle of Speed	W. Bryan Karr		
1959*	Freedom... the American Way	Howard S. Wilcox	Ann Lawrie James	

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1960	Festival of Firsts	Richard Stackhouse	Julie Pratt Simmons	Gen. David Shoup, USMC
1961	50 Golden Years	P. Waldo Ross	Diane Hunt Barth	Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Kelly
1962	Music, Yesterday and Today	Mrs. Frank McKinney	Jerilyn Jones Kennedy	Gen. Herbert B. Powell
1963	Happy Holidays	Robert G. Moorhead	Linda Lou Mugg Heflin	Lt. Gen. Charles G. Dodge
1964*	The Big Fifty	Joseph S. Dawson	Donna McKinley Frazier	
1965	Showtime, USA	Margaret Clark	Suzanne Devine Sams	James "Jimmy" Stewart
1966	150 Years of Progress	Robert B. McConnell	Sue Harrison Moeschl	Walter Cronkite
1967	The Wonderland of Books	Kenneth E. Hauck	Janice Cruze Bretz	Lorne Green, Dan Blocker & Michael Landon
1968	The Wonderful World of Art and Music	J. Fred Risk	Maric. Littlejohn Rounds	Ambassadors from Peru, Boliva & Equador
1969	The World of Sports	Maurel Rothbaum	Janet Faires Kendall	Manueal Fraga Irlbarne

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1970	Moments to Remember	Michael G. Schaefer	Ann Bollei Mummert	Edie Adams
1971	International Storybook	Clyde L. Peterson	Candace Cluster Taylor	Hon. George W. Romney, Hon. John A. Love & Hon. Carl B. Stokes
1972	Those Wonderful Years	Fred C. Tucker Jr.	Elaine Scher	Phil Harris
1973	Down Memory Lane	Charles R. Davis	Cynthia Foster Wallace	Col. James H. Kasler
1974	Through the Eyes of Children	Gene Turner	Andrea McCall Lynch	Mickey Mouse
1975	The Magic of Music	John R. Walsh	Kathryn Ball Laesch	Peter DePaolo
1976	America Is	Jack Lyle	Rebecca Tippy	Tony Hulman & Bob Hope
1977	Funtastic World of Hanna Barbera	Walter B. Kirkwood	Kathryn Hegg	William Hanna & Joseph Barbera
1978	The Wonder of America Set to Music	Gene E. Sease	Sherri Kalbrier	Roy Clark
1979	It's a Good Life	John B. Smith	Carol Orem	President Gerald R. Ford

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1980	Something Old, Something New	Robert C. Hunt	Joan Pearson Friendman	Mike Douglas
1981	Reflections of Great Moments	Marge Tarplee	Paula Peelen	Joyce Dewitt
1982	Previews: A Look at Tomorrow	David W. Givens	Julie Smith Kahn	Merlin Olsen
1983	America, You're Beautiful	J. Richard Zapapas	Sally French Wells	Joseph Allen
1984	Salute to Heritage	Andre B. Lacy	Christie Giles-Polce	David Hasselhoff
1985	The Wonderful World of Disney	Jerry Semler	Jennifer Klumpp Bouwkamp	Mickey Mouse
1986	Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow	Leonard J. Delehanty	Wendy Barth Servies	Lt. Col. Jerry L. Ross
1987	Fiesta 500 – In the Spirit of the Pan American Games	Zane G. Todd	Pamela Jones-Johnson	Mario Vasquez Rana
1988	Zoobilee '88, Saluting the Indianapolis Zoo	Thomas C. Walker	Sara Bassett Sullivan	Garfield & Jim Davis
1989	The American West: From the Frontier to the Future	Sidney Weedman	Jane Bizal Enge	Gene Autry

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1990	Explorations – Journey Through Time	Ted Engel	Vanessa Baird	Vice President Dan Quayle
1991	A Time to Remember – Salute to the 75 th Running of the Indy 500	James D. Massey	Kristen Raisor	A.J. Foyt & Mary Fendrich Hulman
1992	20 th Surprise Party – Walt Disney World's 20 Magical Years	Stephen A. Stittle	Mary Jane Troyer	Mickey & Minnie Mouse
1993	Learning Comes Alive	Robert H. Frist	Michelle Hausken	Larry Bird
1994	Catch a Dream	Dennis C. Norman	Jennifer Swanson	Mario Andretti & Bonnie Blair
1995	A Trip to The Track	Tim Worthington	Misty Livengood	A.J. Foyt, Rick Mears & Al Unser
1996	Fast Friends	Ramon Humke	Jamie Norris	Garfield & Jim Davis
1997	Here's to The Winners	J. Albert Smith Jr	Priya Kulkarni	Cam Cameron, Bob Davie & Joe Tiller
1998	Creating Magic Moments	Bill Corley	Tricia Healy	Dr. David Wolf
1999	Victory Gardens: Celebrating 20 th Century Heroes	Mal Applegate	Danielle Slone	Medal of Honor recipients

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2000	Back Home Again in Indiana	Larry Prible	Amanda Burke	Jim Nabors
2001	Home of Champions	Betty Stilwell	Kristen Craig	Public Safety Officers (IFD, IPD, ISP, MCSD)
2002	One Track Mind	Jeff Elrod	Lauren Crowner	Jim Caviezel
2003	Art in Motion	Mary Clare Broadbent	Megan McManama	Wynonna Judd
2004	Lights, Camera, Traction	Howard Shearon	Jennifer McConnell	Jane Pauley
2005	Accelerate Your Senses	Scott Blumenthal	Deven Wayman	Reggie Miller
2006	Celebrate the Spectacle	Al Wurster	Tracey Todd	Rachael Ray
2007	Spirit & Speed	Cindy Simon Skjodt	Danielle Sylvester	Peyton Manning
2008	Fuel the Dream	Charlie Morgan	Karle Schaefer	Patricia Heaton
2009	Laps, Legends & Legacy: Honoring the 100 th Anniversary of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway	Steve Walker	Annie Berning	Dick Vitale

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2010	Embrace the Pace: Honoring the 100 th Anniversary of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway	Connie Lund	Brooke Dorsett	Butler Bulldogs
2011	Miles of Memories: Celebrating the Most Important Race in History	Tom McGowan	Riley Hoffman	Anderson Cooper
2012	A New REvolution	Scott Thiems	Taylor Adams	Olivia Newton John
2013	TurboCharging Indy	Ted Dickman	Allison Jacob	Indiana Fever
2014	Feel the Rhythm of May	John Crisp	Lauren Isaacs	Josh Kauffman
2015	Celebrate the Stories of May	Gary Aletto	Ali Mathena	1955 Crispus Attucks State Champion Basketball Team
2016	Experience the Celebration	Patty Martin	Caitlyn Foye	Emma Stumpf
2017	Accelerating the American Spirit	Justin Christian	Shivani Bajpai	Eva Kor
2018	Illuminate. Innovate. Indianapolis.	Rob Hillman	Natalie Murdock	Abby Abel & Mitch Bonar
2019	Your Tradition is Waiting in our own Brickyard	Mike Strohl	Olivia Johnson	Sam Schmidt

2020s

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2020*	Start Your Engines	Rob Pruitt	Kathleen Soller	
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**Indicates there was no theme, Queen Scholar, and/or Grand Marshal*