



500 Festival History

Year	Parade Theme	500 Festival Chairman of the Board	500 Festival Queen Scholar	Parade 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	
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	Ge. 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 Helen 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	Marice E. Littlejohn Rounds	Ambassadors from Peru, Bolivia and Equador
1969	The World of Sports	Maurel Rothbaum	Janet Lee Faires Kendall	Manueal Fraga Iribarne
1970	Moments to Remember	Michael G. Schaefer	Ann Rachelle Bollei Mummert	Edie Adams
1971	International Storybook	Clyde L. Peterson	Candace Sue Cluster Taylor	Hon. George W. Romney, Hon. John A. Love, Hon. Carl B. Stokes
1972	Those Wonderful Years	Fred C. Tucker Jr.	Elaine Marie Scher Riggs	Phil Harris
1973	Down Memory Lane	Charles R. Davis	Cynthia Ann 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 Jane Ball Laesch	Peter DePaolo
1976	America Is	Jack Lyle	Rebecca Ann Tippy	Tony Hulman and Bob Hope
1977	Funtastic World of Hanna Barbera	Walter B. Kirkwood	Kathryn Hegg	William Hanna and Joseph Barbera
1978	The Wonder of America Set to Music	Gene E. Sease	Sherri Lynn Kalbrier	Roy Clark
1979	It's a Good Life	John B. Smith	Carol Ann Orem	President Gerald R. Ford
1980	Something Old, Something New	Robert C. Hunt	Joan Elizabeth Pearson Friendman	Mike Douglas
1981	Reflections of Great Moments	Marge Tarplee	Paula Jayne Peelen Van Gorder	Joyce Dewitt
1982	Previews: A Look at Tomorrow	David W. Givens	Julie Ann Smith Kahn	Merlin Olsen
1983	America, You're Beautiful	J. Richard Zapapas	Sally Lynn French Wells	Joseph Allen
1984	Salute to Heritage	Andre B. Lacy	Christie Katherine Giles-Polca	David Hasselhoff
1985	The Wonderful World of Disney	Jerry Semler	Jennifer Klumpp Bouwkamp	Mickey Mouse
1986	Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow	Leonard J. Delehanty	Wendy Diane 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	Garfield & Jim Davis
1989	The American West: From the Frontier to the Future	Sidney Weedman	Jane Ellen Bizal Engel	Gene Autry
1990	Explorations – "Journey Through Time"	Ted Engel	Vanessa Lee Baird Norsworthy	Vice President Dan Quayle
1991	A Time to Remember – Salute to the 75 th Running of the Indy 500	James D. Massey	Kristen Elaine Raisor Jones	A.J. Foyt and Mary Fendrich Hulman
1992	20 th Surprise Party – Walt Disney World's 20 Magical Years	Stephen A. Stitle	Mary Jane Troyer Graham	Mickey and Minnie Mouse
1993	Learning Comes Alive	Robert H. Frist	Michelle Anne Hausken	Larry Bird
1994	Catch A Dream	Dennis C. Norman	Jennifer Lyn Swanson Goodspeed	Mario Andretti and Bonnie Blair
1995	A Trip To The Track	Tim Worthington	Misty Marie Livengood Horsley	A.J. Foyt, Rick Mears and Al Unser
1996	Fast Friends	Ramon Humke	Jamie Danielle Norris Doughty	Garfield and Jim Davis
1997	Here's To The Winners	J. Albert Smith Jr	Priya Kulkarni	Cam Cameron, Bob Davie and Joe Tiller
1998	Creating Magic Moments	Bill Corley	Tricia Healy	Dr. David Wolf
1999	Victory Gardens	Mal Applegate	Danielle Slone	Congressional Medal of Honor recipients
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 Crouner	Jim Caviziel
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 and Speed	Cindy Simon Skjodt	Danielle Sylvester	Peyton Manning
2008	Fuel the Dream	Charlie Morgan	Karle Schaefer	Patricia Heaton
2009	Laps, Legends & Legacy	Steve Walker	Annie Berning	Dick Vitale
2010	Embrace the Pace	Connie Lund	Brooke Doorsett	Butler Bulldogs Men's Basketball Team
2011	Miles of Memories	Tom McGowan	Riley Hoffman	Anderson Cooper
2012	A New REV-olution	Scott Thiems	Taylor Adams	Olivia Newton John
2013	Turbocharging Indy	Ted Dickman	Allison Jacobs	2012 WNBA Champions – Indiana Fever
2014	Feel The Rhythm of May	John Crisp	Lauren Isaacs	Josh Kaufman- 2014 Winner of "The Voice"
2015	Celebrating the Stories of May	Gary Aletto	Ali Mathena	1955 Crispus Attucks State B-ball Champions
2016	Experience the Celebration	Patty Martin	Caityn 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
2020*	Start Your Enginges	Rob Pruitt	Kathleen Soiler	
2021			Janee Quinn	
2022	Back to traditions. Racing Forward.	James Poore	Melissa Aceves	August A. Ebeling
2023	Fueling May	Sarah Fisher	Mykah Coleman	Frank Shorter